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Stop cruelty to animals by reporting sadists to the Humane Society

Thank you to the Canton resident who reported a neighbor for punishing his pit bull by putting it inside a closed garbage can.

The only way to stop cruelty to animals is to report it to the police or humane society when we see it.

I hope that the court locks this man up for a long time.

Do we really know how safe Westland Central City Park is on a dump?

I heard a person ask about the wooden play structures at our parks in Westland.

I am concerned about the safety for my children, especially when I was told that the Central City Park was built over a dump site. How safe is it to take my children there anyway? Do we really know?

And while you are at it, I know there are many talented retired people who maybe could provide some creative improvements to spruce up the tot lot. You could have a contest to design some new buildings, and maybe consider a storybook theme to replace the town setting.

Subscriber says they're offended by Roman's dog-in-toilet article

Please explain why you found it necessary to that horrid story about the dog's head in a toilet on the front page of the Romulus Roman? Especially since it happened way back in October.

If that is considered news, please cancel my subscription.

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Police officer Tom Ellis, Superintendent of Schools Joel R. Carr and Mayor Alan Lambert joined in the festive occasion.

Jumping for Dollars

Students at Halecreek Elementary recently held their "Jump For Heart" fundraising event for the American Heart Association. Last year Halecreek Elementary raised over \$7,500 for this worthy cause and Romulus District Elementary Schools combined to contribute a grand total of over \$20,000.

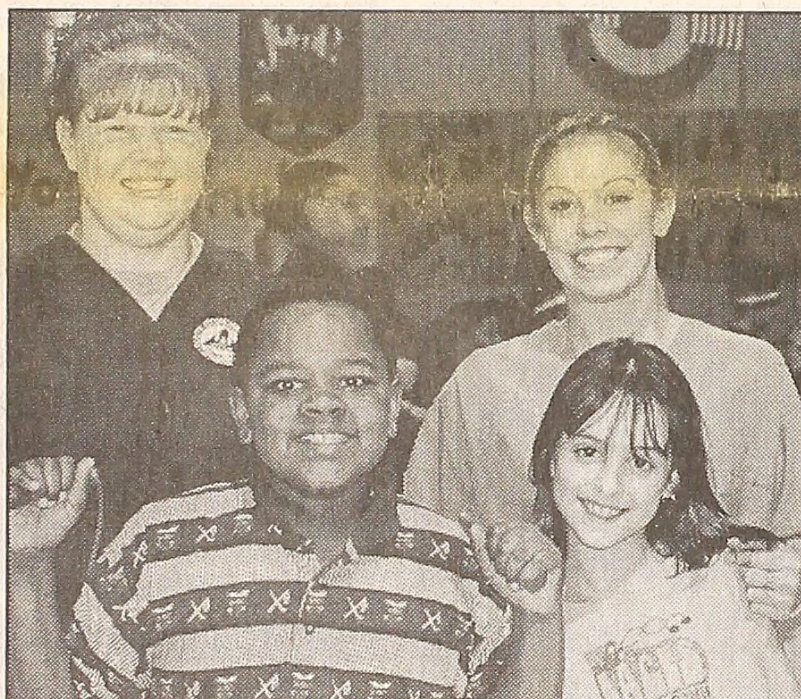
This year the Halecreek students were assisted by students from the health occupations program at the high school, Romulus firefighters, policemen, parents and teachers as they demonstrated various jump

rope skills in the school gym.

Special guests Superintendent of Schools Joel R. Carr and Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert were also on hand to encourage students.

Principal Sharon Silveri was pleased with the community involvement at her school and by the large group of parent volunteers who were able to take time out of their day to attend this event.

Silveri said that, "we have a wonderful community spirit at our school and it really helps to make occasions such as this so special."



Sr. High Health Occupations class members Marissa Wilson and Teri Speer (back) helped out 4th graders Devon Hollins and Danielle Lucaj.



Halecreek Physical Education teacher Nancy Baziuk, Principal Sharon Silveri and Sr. High Health Occupations teacher Terri Brinston enjoyed the event.

Corey Chandler named Garden City "Fireman of Year"

By MIKE WILCOX
Publisher

Lifetime Romulus resident Corey Chandler has been named "Firefighter of the Year" for the City of Garden City. Chosen by the Chamber of Commerce, Chandler is a fulltime firefighter/paramedic for Garden City. He has been a firefighter since 1993.

A volunteer firefighter in Romulus before being hired in Garden City, Chandler enjoys working with youngsters and the public. "They look up to you, more so since the Sept. 11 disaster. It is a very rewarding job," said Chandler.

As a paramedic responding to medical emergencies, Chandler likes being able to help people, "whether it's a small cut or a serious problem, you help people feel better," said Chandler.

He added, "I always wanted to be a firefighter. My grandfather, the late Wilbur "Bud" Koester was a member of the Romulus Police and Fire Commission, and was one of the original organizers of the Romulus volunteer fire department."

An ongoing responsibility for Chandler is the inventory and ordering of medical supplies needed to



Corey Chandler

provide advance life support services. "Corey is very dedicated to Garden City and its citizens; he works hard at projecting a good solid image," said Fire Chief Michael Todd.

"He takes on a lot of projects on his own and goes with it," added Todd. "We recently received the Keep Michigan Beautiful Award, and he was instrumental in that. He took that on without being asked."

Corey and his wife, Rhonda, have two children, Ashley and Lance. He is the son of Sheldon and Gloria Chandler of Romulus.

Victim ID's Hamm as alleged robber

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Special Writer

Romulus Police have apprehended and charged Phillip Hamm with a recent armed robbery at the Key Manor Apartments on Wayne Road, Romulus.

Hamm and another man, knocked on the door of a resident of Key Manor on the morning of February 27th. Telling the occupant that they were another complex resident, Hamm and his accomplice allegedly pushed their way into the apartment when the door was opened.

Both men at the time were wearing masks, but the victim told police that Hamm removed his mask allowing her to identify him. Pointing a gun at her head, Hamm demanded to know where cash and weed were, screaming at her to get it. The victim claims that the suspect called her by name, while demanding she get it for

him.

At the time of the break in, the victim had been on the telephone with a friend, who hearing the commotion called 911. After spending fifteen minutes in the apartment, the two suspects ran from the apartment jumping into a red Probe. Police arrived shortly thereafter in response to the 911 call.

The victim told the police that the suspect who took off his mask had a Chinese tattoo on the side of his neck, and that he called her by name. Police showed the victim mug shots. Hamm was identified by the victim at that time.

Police arrested Hamm, who has a previous conviction of carrying a concealed weapon.

Hamm was bound over for trial in Judge Tina Brooks Green courtroom on charges of robbery armed. He is to be arraigned this week for trial in the Wayne County Courts.

Inkster Road rehab starts this Friday

By MIKE WILCOX
Publisher

The Michigan Department of Transportation announced earlier this week that crews are set to begin work on rehabilitating the east-bound and westbound I-94 bridges over Inkster Road at the Taylor-Romulus border. The initial phase of the project involves the construction of a temporary lane in each direction.

"We are going to build two tem-

porary lanes to keep three lanes of traffic moving both ways through our work zone," said Mark Chaput, manager of MDOT's Transportation Service Center in Taylor.

This section of I-94 typically carries 134,000 vehicles per day. There will be some evenings and weekends when the freeway is reduced to one lane in each direction. Inkster Road will be reduced to one lane for the majority of the project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$7.2 million.

News in Brief

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Fire destroys pallets

A spectacular fire that could be seen for miles partially destroyed a pallet storage and recycling facility on Ecorse Road, south of GM Powertrain. The blaze which began about 3 p.m. on Saturday, was fueled by high winds, and wasn't really under control until about 10 p.m.

The facility called Auto Pallets, had thousands of pallets stacked on top of one another over 35 acres. Fire officials were unavailable to give a damage estimate or possible cause of the fire.

Five win grants

Romulus teachers are the recipients of five Title VI mini-grants this year. The grants are administered through the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency.

Winning the grants were social studies teacher Edward Hom, middle school math teacher Kathleen Hall, Halecreek fifth grade teacher Jason Sulhany, vocal music teacher Judith Barthwell and Romulus Elementary fifth grade teacher Jeff Leucht.

Church fundraiser April 6

Parks Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church will be celebrating Joseph and Ethel LaMar Day on Saturday, April 6, at 6 p.m. The annual fundraiser for the scholarship fund, assists youth members and children of church members who are pursuing higher education.

Last year the fund raised \$4,000 at this event and awarded five scholarships. The recipients were Delores Hearst, Tuskegee University; Aaron Harding, Tallahassee Community College; Jasmine Noble, Michigan State University; Donald Phillips, Interdenominational Theological Center; and Laketa Shelton, Tennessee State University.

Special music by the Parks Memorial choir and selections by the Parks Memorial Liturgical Dance Ministry will be included in the program. For more information contact Sandra Swanigan at 941-4119.

Homework center to open

The Romulus Public Library announces the opening of their new homework center on Monday, April 15. A grant from LSTA has resulted in many new resources for the homework center located inside the library at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Magician "Baffling Bill," will be on hand at 7 p.m. to entertain. For more information call 942-7589.

Seniors host two trips

The Romulus Senior Center announces they will be hosting two trips this September. On September 7, the group will be departing for a New England fall foliage tour. The group flies to Philadelphia and then takes a motor coach through New York, Massachusetts and other states.

On September 24 the group heads for the Hawaiian Islands for a 19-day trip that includes a 12-day cruise aboard Carnival Cruise Lines' new ship, The Spirit. For more information call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

Correction

LaShonda Windham was incorrectly identified in an article last week listing winners of first division ratings at the District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival. She joined Jazmine Bennett and Sarah Herbert to perform a flute trio.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Developers continue to focus attention on city

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Developers continue to eye land in the city of Inkster as possible sites to build condominiums, townhouses and private homes, according to Community Developer Director Richard Wooten.

As property prices in surrounding cities and townships have drastically risen over recent years, it be-

comes economically feasible for developers to look at Inkster for investment, according to Wooten.

Wooten pointed out that the city presently has on its drawing boards four major developments. They include:

- * The Greenhouse Property Development - A proposed 114-unit condominium development is currently proposed for the site at Michigan Avenue and Harrison. The city

has signed a development agreement for the property and formal site plans for the redevelopment of the property have been submitted to the city. Price range for the units are in the area of \$120,000 to \$150,000.

- * The Comerica Property Development - The site, approximately 14 acres, is being marketed for residential as well as commercial development. The site is located on Inkster

Road, south of the railroad right-of-way. A Pontiac-based non-profit is currently considering the property for redevelopment;

- * Proposed New Single-Family Subdivision - A new 41 unit single-family subdivision is proposed for vacant property located at Cherry Hill and Beech Daly. The development of the project should start during the 2002 calendar year. Houses will start at approximately 1,700

square feet and will cost between \$190,000 to \$200,000.

- * The Redevelopment of Carver Homes Area - The city of Inkster is exploring the feasibility of the redevelopment in the Carver Homes Area principally located south of Carlisle, east of Middlebelt, west of Irene and north of Annapolis Road. A recent town hall meeting to discuss the project with local residents was held on Feb. 4, 2001. The initial

proposal is for 150 to 200 single-family detached homes in the targeted area. These homes are priced to sell for approximately \$120,000 to \$150,000.

"I firmly believe that developers and individuals who want to buy homes are rediscovering our city. It has so much to offer in that it is close to the major highways, the airport and, yes, we are a friendly city with much to offer," Wooten added.

Clements celebrate their 40th anniversary

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Clements of Inkster received the surprise of a lifetime recently when their four children secretly planned a surprise 40th Anniversary Dinner for them.

The gala secret event, with a catchy theme, "Stay In My Corner", was held at the Wayne Community Center in Wayne.

Upon arrival at the Community Center, the celebrants were under the impression that they were attending a birthday party for a friend. Imagine their surprise when over three-hundred people greeted them with "Happy Anniversary" as they entered the social hall.

The guests were also treated with several surprises during the course of the evening. A skit by Pamela Fitzpatrick, daughter of the celebrants, was performed by a huge cast of family members and friends, depicting the beginning of a romance that culminated in marriage 40 years ago.

The highlight of the evening occurred with the wedding scene, with the young bride, wearing the same dress that was worn by Do-



It was a "surprise party of a lifetime" for Mr. and Mrs. Billie Clements whose children tossed a secret 40th anniversary celebration for their parents. Some 300 guests turned up to help the couple celebrate. Photo by Theola Jones.

lores on her wedding day December 9, 1961.

The program Booklet featured many previous photos collected over a span of four decades that helped to tell a love story of the devoted couple. The social hall was transformed into an eye-catching color scheme of brilliant red and glistening white, complimented with pretty Christmas decorations.

The Mistress of Ceremonies,

daughter Renee' Clements and Master of Ceremonies, son-in-law E. Alan Fitzpatrick, presided capably over the entertaining program. The couple's two sons, Kraig and Reginald were members of the excellent skit group, that included other family members as well.

The celebrants thanked everyone for their attendance and marveled at the fact how well everyone kept the secret.

Amity Baptist Church provides cancer clinic

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

Did you know that the City of Inkster has a satellite clinic of the prestigious Karmanos Cancer Institute Outreach Office inside the Amity Baptist Church in the City of Inkster?

It's true. The church is located at 27075 Carlisle Avenue.

Did you know that over 90,000 women in Wayne County are eligible for free and cervical cancer screening?

And that, too, is true. According to statistics, lifetime probability of breast cancer among American women is about one in every eight. Additional studies reveal that breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women and is second to only lung cancer as the leading cause of female cancer death.

Furthermore, all women are at risk for breast cancer: the two main risk factors are: First, being a woman; and, Secondly, growing older.

The Outreach Office has helpful literature relating to early detection, exams, and mortality rates. Breast cancer incidence is lower in African American women than in white women, but black women experience a higher mortality rate.

The mission of the Karmanos Cancer Institute is to give help and hope to cancer patients and their families. The mission also includes sharing needed and relevant information to the community.

Breast cancer deaths could be reduced if women followed these guidelines:

- * Monthly breast self-examinations starting at age 20:

- * Women ages 40 to 49 with no symptoms receive clinical breast exams annually and undergo mammography every one or two years;

- * Women over 50 receive annual breast exams and screening mammograms every year. (The source of this information is the Barbara Ann Kar-

mamos Cancer Center.

The Amity Baptist cancer clinic site is open Mondays and Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.; Fridays 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Free medical; supplies, low cost food supplements, transportation to treatment, caring connection and education and referrals are also available to the public.

For further information or service please call 1-800-527-6277 or 313-730-0826.

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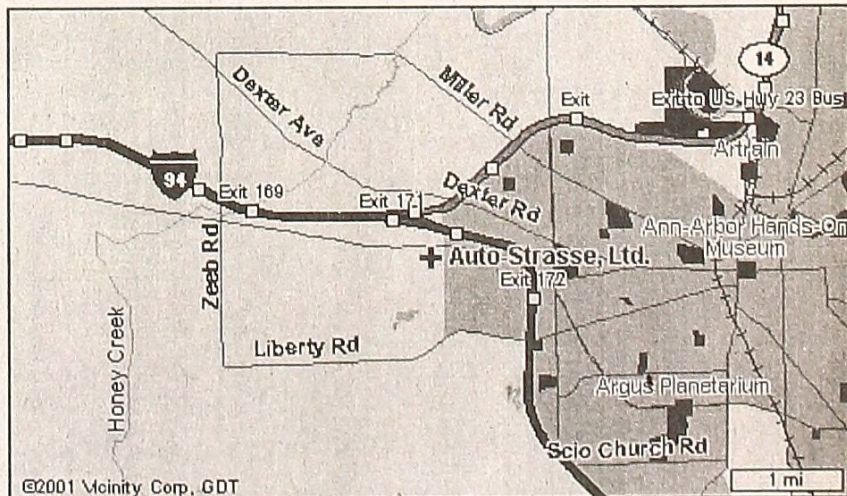
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Window on Wayne

Wayne has always had a love affair with its autos and its auto manufacturers.

Did you know that Wayne was once the home of the first Indianapolis 500 car race winner?

But, I am getting ahead of my story. Let's start from the beginning.

In 1916, Harroun Automobile Company purchased the Prouty Glass Carriage Factory on Sophia (2002 Elizabeth Street) next to the Michigan Central Railroad at a cost of \$40,000 to manufacture automobiles.

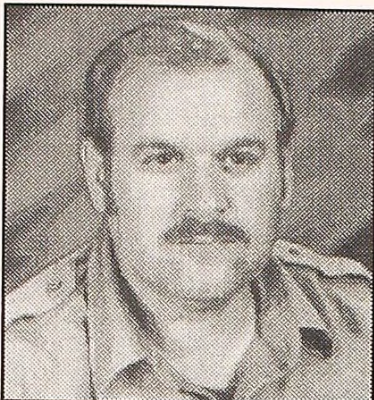
The Harroun Company really never had a chance at success, because, soon after production was started, World War I broke out and Harroun Company stopped making automobiles. They had manufactured only 500 by 1918. The Harroun Company turned to manufacturing 155. millimeter shells for the military.

Ray Harroun was the winner of the first Indianapolis 500 car race in 1911 and had manufactured gas and kerosene carburetors. He also invented the automobile bumper before coming to Wayne. Ray Harroun was the chief engineer for Maxwell Automobile Company in 1914.

When the factory on Sophia Street was purchased the company also purchased land west of the factory, between the railroad and Michigan Avenue, to build a second plant. The day of the ground-breaking for the second plant was declared as an informal holiday in Wayne. Mayor Lee and other dignitaries welcomed the Harroun Company to Wayne with a parade that featured decorated motor cars. Students from Wayne High School sang patriotic songs.

Ray Harroun, the company's founder, was the guest of Mr. Stellwagon at a dinner at the Westwood Inn.

After the end of World War I, Guy Monihan, president of Harroun Company, attempted to return to car production. Mr. Monihan filed a claim for payment of war



Richard Story

production and the government paid more than asked for in the claim but with plant overhead and depleted company funds Harroun Company went bankrupt in 1922.

Ray Harroun went to Saginaw Stamping and Tool Company where he worked until 1957, when he retired.

Harroun cars were four cylinder, 16.9 horsepower, with a wheelbase of 106 inches. The cars weighed 1,940 pounds and they could travel 49.6 miles on one gallon of gasoline. The hood and the body of the vehicles were painted forest green. Upholstery, frame and the radiator were painted black, while the wheels were painted autumn brown.

They sold for: Roadster \$595 and Sedans \$895. A total of 3000 Harroun cars were sold during the life of the company.

The factory on Michigan Avenue was sold to Goffredson Trucks, which made trucks. The factory exchanged hands when Graham-Paige Motor Corp bought it and later sold it to Bendix Corporation and in 1946, the plant was owned by Garwood who made several types of truck components in the plant.

The building eventually became the Wayne Public Warehouse in the 1970's and today it is known as Wayne Industries, Inc.

Car manufacturers have always loved Wayne; and Wayne has always loved cars and their manufacturers.

Mayor urges "yes" vote on new police building

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Speaking before a Rotary Club luncheon audience last week, Mayor Al Haidous urged citizens to support the construction of a new police building. The mayor stressed that the proposed multi-million dollar police facility was needed because the old building did not meet the community's growing needs.

"My hard work and dedication has just begun," said Haidous, who in November became the first mayor directly elected by the vote of the people. (In previous years, city council elected the mayor). "I know that our community faces many challenges as we enter the 21st century. I hope to continue to work on these challenges, as seen with the revitalization of our downtown district, and offer solutions to some of those challenges - solutions that will help us maintain a position as a thriving economic center.

"In order to make this vision possible, a strong infrastructure needs to be established and maintained. For example, on June 4, 2002, the voters of the city of Wayne will be asked to vote 'Yes' for a 1-mill increase for the sole purpose of building a new and modernized police station. This vote is very important because the safety and security of our citizens and businesses will help establish an infrastructure that will allow us to follow our vision of the future."

Mayor Haidous also urged the youth of the city to get more involved in their local government. He urged young men and women to step up and volunteer for the myriad of tasks that they can perform.

"For the past 28 years my family and I have lived in the city of Wayne where I own and operate a business. Each of my five children - Sarah, Norman, Randa, Lena and Dania - have been raised and educated in the City of Wayne, and each of them

received a bachelor's degree and very soon each of them will obtain their masters.

"The greatest gift, I believe, I could give my family is to help them grow up and get college educations in this great country. Now we want to be able to give back to the community what it has so graciously given to us over the years," the mayor said.

Haidous went on to say that "the message I want to send to the youth of our great city and to others who are interested in being part of their local government is that this is not an easy task nor is this a task that you wake up one day and say: 'I think I will run for city council' or

"I think I want to be mayor." The mayor stressed that a foundation for the future must be created.

"My first goal was not to be in local government itself," the mayor continued, "but it was to assist my community in any way I could to make it a better place to live, to raise a family, and to conduct business. I knew that I had to start at the entry-level and build on a solid foundation that will give me many years of growth and development."

Haidous urged the youth of the city if they have not started, "to get started and plan your future and work toward making those plans a reality."

Marshmallow Drop is set for Friday

Easter comes early this year. It's this Sunday.

And, to prepare for the joyous occasion, there are scores of religious as well as traditional events scheduled for the Holy Week.

One of those traditions is the City of Wayne's Parks and Recreation's "Marshmallow Drops". City officials announced that the program will be conducted beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 29, at Anderson Field. The field is located on Howe and Annapolis Roads, adjacent to the Wayne Community Center.

If the weather remains as inclement as it was during the earlier part of the week, the event will be held at the same time but on Saturday, March 30.

Parents and children also are

invited to have breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Breakfast is at 10:30 a.m. and will continue until 11:30 a.m. which will include pancakes, sausage and juice. Tickets for the breakfast cost \$4 per person.

If you want to have your child's photo taken with that popular annual visitor to the city, the Easter Bunny, it will cost you an extra \$2.

City officials also note that there will be arts & crafts, face painting and a lots of fun for the day.

Tickets are available at the Wayne Community Center. Because they are limited, they will be available for the first 200 guests.

For more information, contact the Wayne Community Center at 734-721-7400.

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Easter Egg hunt is on

Children, ages 12 and under, are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt, co-hosted by the Wayne Living Center for Seniors and the Wayne Junior Civitans.

The hunt will commence at 1 p.m. and continue until 2:30 p.m. at the Wayne Living Center facility, located at 4425 Venoy Road.

Organizers say that the chil-

dren will be placed into various age groups, ranging from toddler to age 12, in order for the children to enjoy the hunt.

If parents have any questions they are urged to contact either the Wayne Living Center, the Wayne Living Center for Seniors, Wayne Total Living Center or the Wayne Junior Civitans' offices at (734) 326-8700.

City seeking local artists

If you happen to be an artist, the Wayne Wheelfest Commission would like to hear from you.

Commissioners are seeking artists to enter the annual Wayne Wheelfest 2002 T-Shirt Logo Contest, which is co-sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Wayne Wheelfest Commission.

The goal of the contest is to obtain new designs and ideas for printing on Wheelfest t-shirts and brochures to promote the annual

Wheelfest Festival.

The festival will be staged on August 22 to Aug. 25 in Goudy Park. The program will include live entertainment, a Soap Box Derby, car show and a wide variety of family and fund activities.

The contest winner will receive a prize packet and the pride of seeing the design worn by festival visitors.

To enter or for more information, please contact Jenny Johnson, Wheelfest Coordinator, at 734-721-7400.



On Dean's List

A 2001 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School continues to excel in the classroom.

Kristen Marie Zilka, daughter of Dale and Nancy Zilka, in recognition of her outstanding scholastic achievement, was named to the Dean's List at Eastern Michigan University after finishing the semester with a 3.70 grade point average.

Zilka is pursuing a career in teaching and is presently majoring in Elementary Education.

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Romulus Community School request for bids for the installation of Telescoping Bleachers to be installed at Romulus Middle School. Bid proposals will be received by Romulus Community Schools, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174, delivery or mail, to the attention of Mr. William A. Routhier by 10:00 A.M. Local time on Monday, April 8, 2002. Proposals must be sealed with Bidder's name on the outside of the envelope and designated as follows:

Sealed Proposal
Romulus Community Schools
April 8, 2002
Telescoping Stands
Contractor name, address

Proposals shall be prepared in accordance with bid instructions. Accepted Bidder will be required as a condition to award of contract, to furnish in the amount of 100% of the contract price, Satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificate of Insurance. Romulus Schools retain the right to reject any or all bid proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities or irregularities therein as reserved by Romulus Schools.

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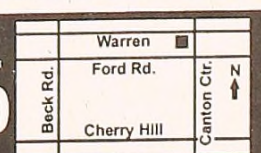
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Eagle Scout honored at Edgemont

By STEFANIE CARANO
MCN Staff Writer

Boy Scout David T. Oliverson II was honored last Tuesday at Edgemont School in Belleville for completing his Eagle Scout project. The Eagle Scout is the highest honor in scouting.

Oliverson and his father made playground equipment for the school as part of his Eagle Scout project. Edgemont School educates special-needs children and also houses Van Buren's Early Childhood Education Center.

The playground at the school now has a covered sandbox and benches that turn into tables Oliverson made from cypress wood. He found construction patterns on the Internet, chose the ones he wanted and ordered them online.

After getting donations to help



David Oliverson

purchase the equipment he set to work, making sure the equipment was compliant with the American Disabilities Act.

The ceremony included a pancake dinner and a performance by the Belleville High Schools' Ambassador's Chorale, led by Sue Hiser, with Oliverson performing a solo. Tickets sold at the door helped to raise funds for other things needed at the school.

"The project showed me leadership and I had a lot of fun doing it," said the scout of his experience.

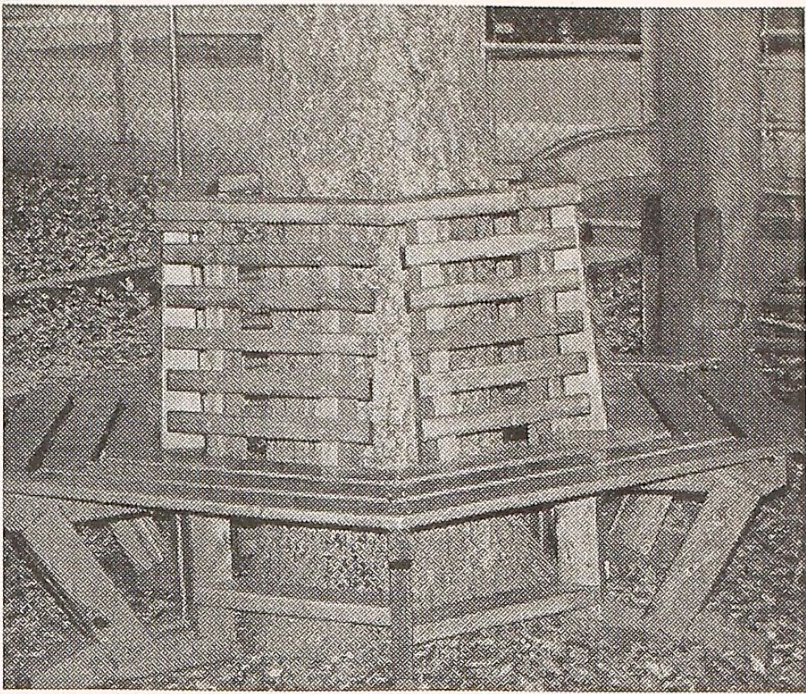
Oliverson first entered St. Anthony's Troop 793 in sixth grade with three other boys. Through the years, all four boys stayed in the troop and achieved Eagle status. "Nowadays, it's tough for a kid to do that when there's so many other things to do," said mother Cat. To

The project showed me leadership and I had a lot of fun doing it.

have the entire troop make Eagle is very rare. Only five out of every 100 boys achieve Eagle status.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank a boy must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. He must earn 21 merit badges and attend a Scoutmaster's conference.

Oliverson, who is a member of the Ambassador Chorale, is interested in pursuing Music Education for elementary students as a career. He is looking to attend either Schoolcraft College or Eastern Michigan University.



This bench made by Oliverson converts into a table.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 19, 2002

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: King, Payne, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Budd. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Environmental Director Ballard, Public Safety Director Elg, Parks Manager Camis, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline, and an audience of fourteen (14).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hart moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the establishment of a Local Development Financing District in a portion of the Township generally known as Grace Lake Estates. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley. Director Kelley stated the public hearing is the second part of a multi step process to consider the establishment of a Local Development Financing Authority (LDFA). The Visteon Corporation, the second largest Tier 1 supplier to the automotive industry in the world is considering parcels of land in the area of the district to locate its world headquarters. The LDFA is regulated by the State of Michigan and would allow a township that does not have funding to extend incentives to a large corporation to locate in their community. This public hearing is to receive public comment, as it relates to the establishment of the LDFA and begins a sixty-day comment period who the taxing jurisdictions affected by the establishment of an LDFA may choose to participate or opt out. The taxing jurisdictions include Wayne County, Wayne RESA, Huron Clinton Metro Authority and Wayne County Community College. The LDFA is a mechanism where bonds would be sold, with a value to be determined and would be repaid by capturing the ad valorem millages; on property bills in these taxing units. Director Kelley stated there has been favorable responses from the taxing units and believes it would be appropriate for them to participate because of the benefits this would bring to the Township. The monies would be used for public improvements including infrastructure such as roads, demolition, clearing of land, shared parking facilities, on-site barrier free improvements and on-site storm water management. Director Kelley continued by stating that Visteon has not announced whether they will proceed with the development of a world headquarters in Van Buren Township, other than swing Van Buren Township is the only site being looked at if they do go forward with this development.

Supervisor King stated the Township already has a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and this is to create a LDFA and the two districts are fundamentally different. The LDFA tax base would be established from the taxes currently on these properties in the proposed LDFA district and would only capture the growth in these taxing units for a determined period of time. The DDA improvements are much broader in range than the eligible LDFA projects. Supervisor King stated at the end of the 60-day waiting period and upon approval of the taxing authorities the next step would be for the Board of Trustees to adopt the establishment of the LDFA Board and designate the boundaries of the district. The LDFA Board would consist of seven members recommended by the Township Supervisor and confirmed by the Board of Trustees, two members by the Chief Executive officer of the Van Buren Public School District, one member by the Wayne County Commission and one member by Wayne County Community College District. The 60-day period would expire on May 18, 2002.

Board members inquired if there were any of the taxing jurisdictions considering opting out? Director Kelley stated no, he has only heard positive responses. It was also stated that the Van Buren Public School district would not be affected by the LDFA they will still receive the full amount of taxes captured.

There were no questions or comments made by the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment regarding a 2002 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application. Carried.

Supervisor King gated this item was in part a topic of discussion at the March 5, 2002 Board Meeting where the Board authorized Director Ballard and Director Kelley to enter into discussion with Ford Land Development Corporation for the purpose of acquiring approximately 60 acres of land, located dimfly north of the Township Hall, for the purpose of establishing a passive park.

Director Ballard stated this is the third of three public hearings required by the state for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Grant application. The first public hearing took place on March 12, 2002 at the Recreation Committee meeting and the second took place at a joint Planning Commission and Environmental Commission meeting on March 13, 2002. A presentation was also given at the March 12, 2002 Downtown Development Authority meeting. These public hearing presented an opportunity to receive feedback from the members

of these groups and residents. Director Ballard further stated that unanimous motions of support and recommendations were given by the DDA, Recreation Committee, Planning Commission and Environmental Commission along with letters of support from the City of Belleville, Van Buren Public School District, Huron Valley Conservation Association, and Wayne County Community College. Director Ballard continued by stating Ford Land Development Corporation has come to the Township to discuss a conceptual master plan for the land on the north side of Tyler Road from Belleville Road to Book Road, with commercial use on the corner of Belleville and Tyler and industrial/office technology on the corner of Beck and Tyler and in the middle the donation of 60 acres to the Township for a passive recreational park. (Specifically noting no formal plans have been submitted to the Township.) The preservation of open space and access to passive recreational trails has long been a community priority and are specifically listed as goals and action items in the following plans; 5-year Recreation Master Plan, Premier Community Amenities (Master Plan Amendment), and Rouge River Lower I Subwatershed Management Plan. Director Ballard presented photographs showing the diverse natural wooded and wetland of this area which is located in the middle of the Township with a large potential user base from the surrounding residential areas, Belleville Road commercial district, DDA District, North Middle School, Beck Road Baseball field, Quirk Park, September Days Senior Center and Van Buren Township Hall.

Parks Manager Camis discussed the proposed project. The plan includes approximately 1.5 miles of wetland boardwalks and upland trails (ADA accessible), a small parking area (20 parking spaces), a small pavilion with picnic tables and bathrooms, interpretive signage, scenic overlooks, and benches. Parks Manager Camis continued by stating information gathered from citizen surveys for the Recreation Master Plan indicate that alternative funding, bike and walking paths have strong support. The Recreation Master Plan also specifically includes acquiring land as a goal. This type of project is what the Recreation Master Plan and the Department of Natural Resources is looking to preserve natural habitats.

Director Ballard stated to make this proposed park a reality the Township must seek outside funding and the Trust Grant Fund is a perfect source. The proposed park would meet the Trust Grant Fund priorities to preserve natural areas and create public access for passive recreational park. The budget for this project is \$489,000, with the grant providing \$366,750 and the remaining \$122,250 from a required 25% local match. This application would be submitted by April 1, 2002, The state would then review the application and would make the decision on who receives the grant and notify the recipient left in 2002. If this project is selected to receive the grant the Township would have a two-year time frame to develop the park.

Members of the Board had the following comments. The proposed park would have the least amount of harm impact to the environment by building raised boardwalks that would protect the wetlands. Director Ballard stated the trail would be designed to be the least invasive to the area. Also, Ford Land is having their planners develop an ecological survey of the site to indicate species and ecosystem types in the proposed development area.

There were no questions or comments were from the audience.

Supervisor King reiterated Director Ballard's comments on acquiring land for a passive recreational park and further stated her support for the project saying this would be the first of its kind of park in the township.

Director Ballard stated the proposed park would be a perfect educational opportunity for the community.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Herman seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of March 4, 2002, as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2002, as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A press release from the Water and Sewer Department pertaining to delinquent water bills of 60 days or more. If the bills are not paid by July 15, 2002 there will be an additional ten percent (10%) penalty added, which then would be transferred to the next property tax roll. Please contact the Water and Sewer Department at 734-699-8925 if you need additional information.

A Press Release from the Water and Sewer Department regarding sewer backups or basement flooding claims states that a recently enacted Michigan Statute, Act 222 of Public Acts of 2001, clarifies municipal liability for sewer backups. A key provision is that a person seeking compensation for property damage or physical injury must file a written claim within 45 days of the event. Contact the Van Buren Water and Sewer Department immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup. Calls will be responded to at any time day or night, holidays and weekends. The full text of P.A. 222 of 2001 is available on the Townships website at www.vanburen-mi.org or by calling the Water and Sewer Department at 734-699-8925.

A letter from Central Michigan University Special Olympics Committee regarding the Polar Bear Plunge fundraiser expressing thanks to Director Elg and the Public Safety Department for its participation in this event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-08 approving the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application. Carried.

Hart moved, Herman seconded to approve Wade-Trim's proposal dated February 8, 2002 to prepare a feasibility study for providing water and sanitary sewer service to the proposed Visteon Corporate Headquarters on a time and materials basis, in an amount not to exceed \$27,000. Carried.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to approve a contract with Michigan Lawn Mariagement for the 2002 lawn maintenance season with an option to renew in 2003. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 03-19-02 to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended to rezone parcels [V-125-83-045-99-0020-001 and the most westerly 1,350 feet of parcel V-125-83-045-99-0006-002 from C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) to C-1 (General Business), parcels V-125-83-046-99-0001-000 and V-125-83-046-99-0005-002 from AG (Agricultural Estate) to C-1 (General Business), parcel V-125-83-045-99-0020-003 from C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) to OT (Office Technology), parcels V-125-93-045-99-0021-001, V-125-83-048-99-0019-000, V-125-83-048-99-0001-000, V-125-83-048-99-0002-000, V-125-83-046-99-0005-704, V-125-83-047-99-0005-705, V-125-83-047-99-0018-000, V-125-98-047-99-0017-000, V-125-83-047-99-0015-000, V-125-83-047-99-0012-001, V-125-83-047-99-0020-000, V-125-83-048-99-0004-000, and the northern most 1,400 feet of parcel V-125-83-048-99-0010-000 from AG (Agricultural/Large Estate) to OT (Office Technology)]. Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 03-19-02 follow the minutes. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am. to 5:00 p.m.)

Payne moved, Herman seconded to approve the purchase of a play structure for Van Buren Park from Fundamental Playscapes in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, with \$50,000 to be expensed from CDBG funds and \$25,000 to be transferred from the Landfill Fund. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve a contract with Standard Insurance to provide disability and life insurance benefits for township employees. Carried.

Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the AFSCME Local 236 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the revised Salaried Employees Benefit Manual regarding longterm disability insurance. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the March 19, 2002, voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the January 2002, Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Van Buren Township administrative office will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2002 in observance of Good Friday.

The Recreation Department announced the following events. The annual Marshmallow Drop will be held on Saturday, March 23rd, at 10:00 am, with a rainout date of Sunday, March 20 at 1.30 p.m. The Day Camp and Tots in the Park programs for this summer are full, but there are still spaces available for Teen Camp. A K-9 Dog Class will begin on April 2, 2002. The next Cooking class will be held on April 10 at the Bayou Grill. In addition, in Angel of Hope fundraiser dinner and auction will be held on Friday, March 22, 2002 in the Van Buren Township Gymnasium along with showing the movie which relates to the story of the Angel of Hope. For further information about programs contact the Recreation Department at 699-8921.

There will be strict enforcement of the "no alcoholic beverages" at the softball diamonds located behind the Township Hall.

On Thursday, March 21nd a Healthy Lawn and Garden Workshop will be held at the Township Hall from 6:45 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. For further information contact the Environmental Department at 699.8913.

AUDTENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Harman seconded to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne,
CMC, Township Clerk

Cindy C. King,
Supervisor

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OBITUARIES

BALLARD, TOBY, 23, of Ypsilanti (born in Wayne, MI to Joseph Armstrong and Delores Ballard), passed away February 14. He leaves to mourn his passing his parents Delores and Joseph; stepfather Otis; his children Cortez, La'Natica, and Quavon; his grandparents; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Gethsamane Baptist Church with Rev. W. W. Davis officiating. Interment at Detroit Memorial Park WS.

CHESBRO, ANNA LEE, 89, of Wayne, passed away March 11. Loving mother of Jay (Gwen) Chesbro. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Interment took place at Southern Michigan Services in Livonia.

CHRISTIE, ROBERT A., 91, of Belleville, passed away March 13. Dear father of Betty (Edward) Sobolewski of Belleville; David (Pat) Christie of Dansville, KY; Michael (Cheryl) Christie of Livonia; and Joel Christie of Riverview. Dear son of the late Albert and Theresa (Bertin) Christie. Also survived by five grandchildren and one great-grandson. Preceded in death by his wife Rejeanne Christie and eight brothers and sisters. Mr. Christie was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and remained very active for just as long as he was able. Memorial services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Nicholas Ritter officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Hospice of Washtenaw.

CLIFFORD, DANIEL, 65, of Westland passed away March 4. Former husband of Carole. Loving father of John (Julia), Maureen (Manny) Tapia, Joe (Monique), and Mike (Laurie). Dear brother of Mary Ann (Michael) O'Sullivan. Loved grandfather of six grandsons. Funeral mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Wayne. Arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

COLQUITT, RICHARD, 52, of Inkster (born in River Rouge, MI to Lewis to Martha Colquitt), passed away February 16. He leaves mourn his passing and cherish his memory his fiancée Rita; his daughter Porticia; two sisters; one brother; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Greater Faithway Church with Rev. Robert Ford officiating. Interment at Detroit Memorial Park West.

FISHER, CELESTE, 92, of Romulus (born in Macon, GA to John and Mattie Johnson), passed away in Atlanta, GA on February 19. She will be missed by her sons Henry Jr. and Orlando; her daughters Boydene and Constance; twenty-three grandchildren; great-grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Parks Memorial AME Church with Rev. William D. Phillips officiating.

GABRAEL, CHMOUNI, 91, of Dearborn (born in Beirut, Lebanon to Antoun and Maroun Gabrael), passed away February 18. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at St. Maron Church of Detroit. Interment followed at Knollwood memorial Park.

HICKS JR., GEORGE, 85, of Inkster (born in Valdalia, GA to George and Mamie Hicks), passed away February 21. He retired from Ford Motor Company and loved to watch sports. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of 65 years Leanna; his children James, George, Sherry, and Duane; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Springhill Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Oscar Carter officiating.

HILL, ELLA MAE, 77, of Inkster (born in Mobile, AL to Gus and Mary

Nelson) passed away February 10. She was the loving mother of Winston, Joyce, Celestine, Cornelius, Jeffery, and Louis. She is also survived by sixteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with survives held at Pentecostal Temple COGIC with Elder Isaac King officiating. Interment followed at Westlawn Cemetery West.

JOHNSON, ERICHAR "FATS", 76, of Inkster (born in Florence, AL to Edgar and Jessie Johnson) passed away February 19. He served the USMC in WWII and later worked for Harper Hospital for 33 years. He also retired from Penn Funeral Home as a loyal friend and employee. He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife of 55 years Doris; his children Carol, Harold, Michael, and Sheila; eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Orlando Woolridge officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Cemetery.

MASSEY, RAYMOND, 62, of Westland (born in Charlotte, NC to Walter and Mattie Massey), passed away February 10. He joined the US Marine Corps and was marching as part of the US Marine Corp Band when Hawaii was made a state. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Sheila; his children Carl, Deborah, Pamela, Denise, Kim, and Raymond; sixteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Peoples Community Baptist Church with Rev. Gerry Hearn officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

McBRIDE, LaVONNE C., 76, of Romulus, passed away March 14. She was retired from the Romulus Public School System after 20 years of service in 1990. Loving wife of Charles J. McBride Sr. Beloved mother of Michael A. McBride of Westland, James T. McBride of Romulus, Richard A. McBride of Romulus, Charles J. McBride of Romulus, William V. McBride of Romulus, David S. McBride of Canton, Mrs. Michael (Charlotte L.) Kachigian of Sumpter, and Ms. Sharon L. McBride of Romulus. Dear sister of John L. Huempflner of Belleville. Six grandchildren also survive her. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home with Rev. William Kren of the Community United Methodist Church officiating. Interment followed at Romulus Cemetery in Romulus.

McCOY, FRED A., 88, of Wayne, passed away March 21 at her residence. She was born March 28, 1913 in Ranger, WV to Albert and Georgia Adkins. On December 2, 1933 she married Willard McCoy and he preceded her in death on May 13, 1988. Survivors include her sons Quenton (Irene) McCoy of Garden City, Franklin Delano (Mary) McCoy of Demascus, VA and Orba McCoy of Westland; her daughters Lora Young of Garden City and Linda (Robert) Klingensmith of Newark, OH; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her brother Dorsey Adkins; her sister Iris Harless; and several nieces and nephews. Two brothers Leslie and Orville Adkins and one sister Olive Messer also preceded her in death. Funeral services were held March 25 at Stark Funeral Service Moore Chapel. Burial took place in West Virginia.

MILLS, SEDLEY A., 77, of Belleville, passed away March 16. Beloved father of Pamela A. Hall of Belleville and Linda L. (Dean) Martelle of Belleville. Dearest son of the late Francis Albert and Sarah Winnifred (Leach) Mills. Dear brother of Marjorie Horton of Grass Lake and Garnett Mills of Virginia. Also survived by three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Mills and also ten brothers and sisters. Mr. Mills served his country in the US Navy during World War II. He was an avid bird-watcher and enjoyed woodworking.

Memorial services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

MULLINS, CLIFFORD, 76, of St. Helen, MI (formerly of Belleville), passed away March 11. Loving companion of Mildred Kwiecinski. Dear father of Eddie (Ruby) Mullins of Belleville, Patricia Ann Tollett of East Pointe, Jerry (Rebecca) Mullins of Macomb Twp., Terry (Barbara) Mullins of Lake Orion and Michael Mullins of East Pointe. Dear son of the late Jeff and Fairy Belle (Meade) Mullins. Dearest brother of Pete (Carol) Mullins of East Pointe; Richard (Rita) Mullins of Jenkins, KY; Shirley Taylor of Belleville; Geraldine Sussack of Belleville; Magdaleen (Frank) Johnson of Vanceburg, KY; Mildred (Eddie) Vartrom of Belleville; and Bobbie Mullins of Memphis, MI. Also survived by fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his daughter Janice, his granddaughter Amy, and his sister Gladys Capelle. Mr. Mullins served his country in the US Navy during World War II. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Rev. Bryan Cheaver offici-

ating. Interment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in Whittaker, MI. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

PARNELL, HENRY, 66 of Inkster (born in Sledge, MS to Willie and Beatrice Parnell), passed away February 6. He leaves behind his stepdaughter Patricia Jackson, grandchildren, family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Willie W. David officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

PAYTON, WILLIAM, 93, of Inkster (born in Wilma, AK to Richard and Sarah Payton), passed away February 23. During WWII he served as an officer in the Army and was later employed by the Inkster Public Schools as a Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 52 years Clementine; his sister Artensil; his brother Elbert; nieces; nephews; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Smith Chapel AME Church with Rev. Thomas Higginbotham officiating.

SHAW, LINDA D., 45, of Inkster (born in Chicago, IL to Alfred and

Margaret Parker) passed away February 11. She leaves to cherish her memories her parents Alfred and Margaret; her ex-husband Wafer Carter; her children Barbara, Anita, Zekeith, Ryan, Neal, and Stephen; two grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. David Hearn officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Chicago, IL.

SYLVESTER, FRIEDA W., 86, of Westland, passed away March 14. Dear wife of the late Hazen Sylvester. Loving mother of Barbara Rothfuss, Lois (Howard) Gerwolls, and James (Ann) Sylvester. Dearest sister of Doris Krzyske. Also survived by eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Westland with Rev. David Furno officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church or the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

VERGONA SR., JAMES L., 80, of Wayne, passed away March 8. Beloved husband of Romelle. Dear father of James Jr., Judith (Dwight)

Klemczak, John, Jeanne (Gary) Tilson, Joseph (Colleen) and Jerry (Susan). Also survived by eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

WADE, WILLIAM EARL, 60, of Westland, passed away March 11. Loving father of William "Bill" Wade, Angela Lesley, Tammy Carroll, Rodney Wade, and April Anderson. Dearest brother of Barbara Pierson, Virginia Paxton, Ray Wade, Robert Wade, and James Wade. Loved grandfather of thirteen. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home. Cremation rites have been accorded.

WILLIS, PETE, 72, of Westland (born in Marktree, AK to Filen and Ardenia Willis), passed way February 21. He leaves behind his wife Emily Willis, family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Willie W. Davis officiating. Interment followed at United Memorial Gardens.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-098

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Community Emergency Medical Services to provide Advance Life Support Services for an additional three months, the new expiration date will be April 30, 2002.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-099

5F. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to grant authorization to purchase a remanufactured engine for a 1983 Ford 8000 Dump Truck from Jasper Engines & Transmission for a total cost of \$4,968.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-100

5G. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Wayne County for the traffic signal modernization at Beverly and Middlebelt Roads at a cost of \$8,864.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-101

5H. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to appoint Stan Bragg, Dan Bales, Daryl Jamieson and Julie Allison to the Romulus Tax Increment Finance Authority with all terms to expire November 30, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-102

5I. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to appoint Frederick Hay, Gerald Wendland, Terrell Bird, Cathy Morse, Kenneth Widman, William Crane and Mark Lewkowicz to the Romulus Historical Commission will all terms to expire on December 9, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-103

5J. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to appoint the following to the Economic Development Corporation: Terrance Hermenau and Michael Hoffman with terms to expire on October 31, 2002, Carol Bales with term to expire on October 31, 2002 and to reappoint Eric Moore, Julie Allison and Matthew Raftary with terms to expire October 31, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-104

5K. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to appoint William Crane to the Downtown Development Authority with term to expire on July 31, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-105

5L. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to appoint the following to the Romulus Planning Commission: Daniel McAnally and Russell Lambert with terms to expire January 31, 2005, Reggie Nelson with term to expire January 31, 2003 and to reappoint Cathy Freitag, Edward Hathcock and Phil Renke with terms to expire January 31, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-106

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 01/02-6,7,8,9 introduced at the meetings of February 4, 2002 and February 11, 2002.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Miller, Romak. Motion Carried.

112. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 4, 2002.

Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD
MARCH 4, 2002 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Excused: None
Absent: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan R. Lambert, Mayor
Terrance Hermenau, Deputy Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-091

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 25, 2002.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-092

3A. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to grant Special Use Approval for PC-2002-001 to ProLogis Development Services, Inc. for a 288,000 sq ft. Building for manufacturing of interior and exterior plastic automobile parts to be located on 19.35 ± acres on the south side of Van Born Road between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads (DP# 001 99 0014 703).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-093

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and proceed as directed in Case #00-75261.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-094

5A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to authorize payment of Controlled Temperature Invoice #8515 in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-095

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to introduce Budget Amendment 01/02-10 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund Expenditures Elections				
101-191.00-900-000	Printing & Publication	6,000	6,000	12,000
FUND BALANCE		AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
General Fund				
- Undesignated/Unreserved Fund Balance		362,088	6,000	356,088

To appropriate additional funds for the preparation and printing of precinct and street maps.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-096

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to award CDBG Contract #00-24-16B, Kingsley Historic House Interior Restoration, to the only bidder, R.J. Perry Carpentry for a total bid price of \$21,751.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-097

5D. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to schedule a Study Session on Monday, March 25, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of discussing the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards and Board Statement #34 and its impact on Romulus.

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

- Barton Malow Company, requests bids on behalf of Romulus Community Schools for the construction of the Boiler Replacement at Merriman Elementary for Bid Package No. 10 work. **Bid proposals will be received by Romulus Community Schools, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174, delivery or mail, to the attention of Mr. William Routhier by 2:00 p.m. local time on April 2, 2002.**
- Proposals shall be prepared in accordance with the Project Manual dated March 13, 2002 by the Barton Malow Company and contract and construction documents prepared by the Architect dated March 7, 2002 for:

BID PACKAGE NO. 10 - BOILER REPLACEMENT
MERRIMAN ELEMENTARY
ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Bid Category - 15050 - Mechanical

- Accepted bidders will be required, as a condition precedent to award of contract, to furnish in the amount of 100% of the contract price. satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance as required in the Project Manual. This project is subject to state sales tax and/or use tax.
- Bidding documents can be obtained from Barton Malow Company at the Romulus Schools field office located at: 9650 S. Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174, phone (734) 941-0869, fax: (734) 941-1278. A refundable deposit of \$50.00 per document set is required.

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School Board, Edison feuding like Hatfields and McCoys

A real brouhaha is boiling in Inkster. Edison Schools, the New York-based education company that was hired by the Inkster School Board a year-and-a-half ago to operate Inkster Schools is now the target of numerous charges that they are bankrupting the schools while providing inferior educational opportunities.

In fact, the School Board and Edison are at impossible odds. The school board is blaming Edison for all that is wrong with Inkster, while at the same time Edison is looking to the state to pull a "Detroit," in other words, replacing the school board with a state appointed administration board.

Last Thursday, the School Board held a meeting to discuss the situation with the public. Nearly 300 parents, many of them angry, packed the meeting room to vocally abuse Edison. Also in attendance was Dr. Donald Weatherspoon, from the Michigan Department of Education.

Most of the complaints have to do with Edison replacing personnel with new people. In fact the meeting was initiated when the Board went berserk upon finding out that Edison had hired Servicemaster to replace the Board appointed custodians at all schools.

Edison, so were are told, hadn't bothered to tell the Board that they were signing a million dollar contract with Servicemaster to provide custodial services. Edison is also attempting to hire their own bus drivers and cafeteria workers, much to the chagrin of many of those who have labored in those positions for years.

This is the crux of the matter. The Board feels they are owed explanations on the major actions Edison attempts to implement. Edison appears to believe that the Board is

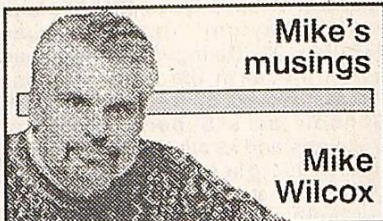
only a road-block, and because they are so confrontational, do not deserve to know what is going on.

For the most part, the people seem to support the Board. Members were elected by the people to supervise the operation of the school district. They hired Edison to handle the operations end, but I don't think anyone believed that the Board would be left out of making major decisions. In any contractual situation like this, it would behoove Edison to consult with the Board periodically on how things should be done.

But for whatever reason, Edison doesn't feel obligated to present their case to the Board. They didn't show-up at Thursday's meeting and we are told no board members have a clue as to the financial situation of the district because Edison won't reveal that information.

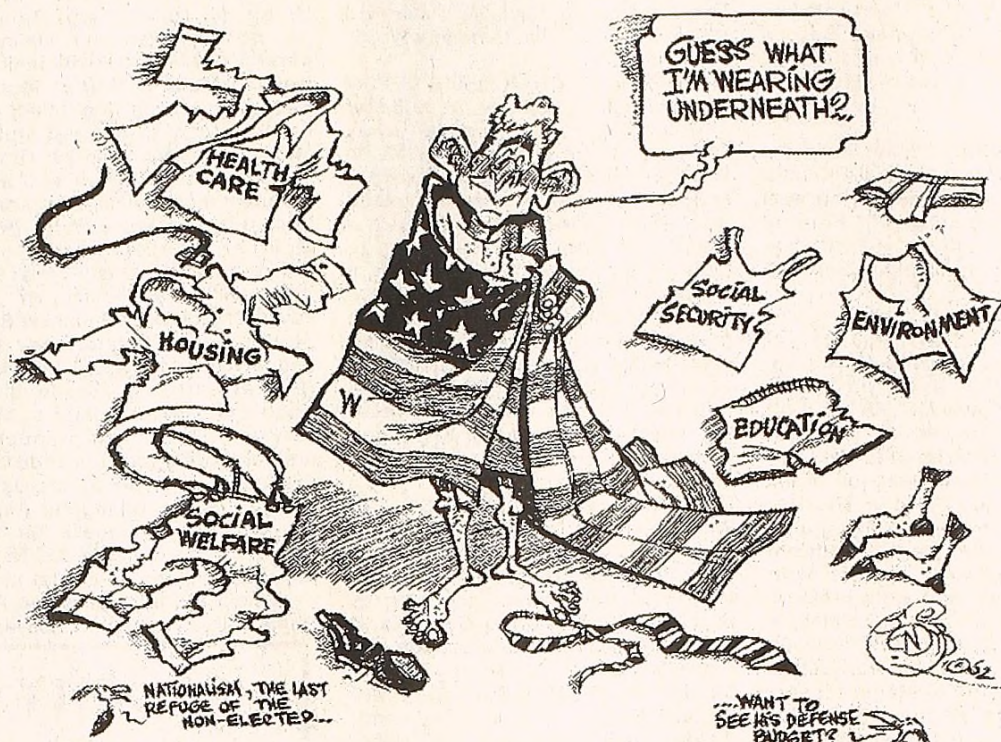
Unless someone can bring these two warring factions together, Inkster will be on the brink of major changes, again. The State is forming a task force to look in to the matter and ultimately the Governor may take action. That action could come in the form of nullifying the Edison contract, disbanding the current school board and appointing another, or unraveling the school district and have Inkster students attend neighboring schools.

I'm not sure any of the above are good alternatives. The school board and Edison need to settle their differences and work together to ensure the children of Inkster a better education. Aren't the children what this is all about?



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Theater offers opportunity

Sunday night was Oscarmania, so what was I doing motoring along Martin Luther King Drive in Detroit? Hadn't I heard comedian Chris Rock's warning? That though Rev. King stood for peace and nonviolence, if you find yourself on Martin Luther King Drive in any city, you better run.

But I had two good reasons for being there.

One, I found the nylon-masked "youts" loitering in front of Martin Luther King Drive party stores less alarming than the fish stench permeating my condo. Earlier I had grilled salmon steaks.

Second, I was on my way to Orchestra Hall to hear the Plymouth Oratorio Society sing "Ode to Joy," the final movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

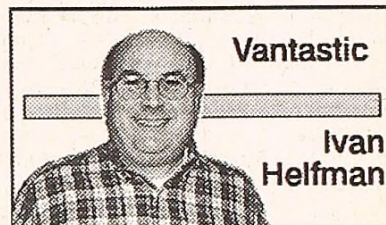
This was the second time I have heard the local singers, who have been around since 1987, singing masterpieces with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, a "yout" or-

chestra. (Disclosure: my younger daughter plays violin with the Civic.)

The first time, the Oratorio sang Mozart's "Requiem," outperforming the semiprofessionals hired to sing the solos. This time the Oratorio, joined by the Brazeal Dennard Chorale and the Eastern Michigan University Choir, sang behind four opera stars, singers who have graced the New York Metropolitan Opera's stage for years, and, once again, the beauty and power of the Plymouth singers' voices filled the ornate walls of the nation's premier concert hall, and cleansed my soul of salmon stink.

I bring up this local treasure at a time when Canton Township is trying to scrape together \$9 million to build a 450-seat theater and concert hall in Cherry Hill Village.

If all goes well, the theater will not only showcase the Oratorio and other local talent, it could nurture Oratorio-quality talent and add another dimension to Canton's quality of life.



Vantastic

Ivan Helfman

While Canton's "youts" have golden opportunities to play organized soccer and hockey, their opportunities to play Bach or perform Tennessee Williams are limited. The theater, if it arises organically from a strong community, could interest many of our young jocks in the performing arts, perhaps leading a few to Oscars instead of nylon masks at party stores.

Over the long haul, that will be a good thing. When today's soccer players reach my age, few will be able to run up and down the field without risking cardiac arrest. However, most will be able to sing "Ode to Joy" as long as the spirit moves them.

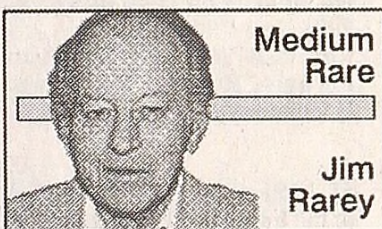
Lansing plays the 'Price is Right'

Last week when Governor Engler was trying to push his court-packing bill through the State Legislature, he needed three Democrat votes. The bill would have added \$30,000 per year to the retirement pay of any state judge who retired before Engler left office.

Engler's problem was that in order for him to be able to appoint the replacement judges, a super majority had to vote to give it immediate effect. Otherwise, his successor would appoint the replacements next year. The bill was linked for passage with other court legislation favored by both parties that would save \$50 million toward the budget deficit.

According to Capitol reporter Tim Skubick, Engler and/or his aides were talking to four Democrat legislators: Senators Art Miller of Warren, Don Koivisto of Ironwood, Chris Dingell of Trenton and Dianne Byrum of Onondaga. Only Byrum refused to negotiate for her vote saying it was wrong to link the two bills.

Dingell told Skubick he said no because the offer was not high enough. Koivisto did not reveal what



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

he was asking but said he has "never gotten anything for himself. It would be for his constituents. Miller's asking price was said to be a vanity license plate for the United Auto Workers.

Engler turned that down, partly because of his strained relations with UAW leaders and that the Right to Life organization would then have a precedent to demand the vanity plate they have wanted.

Skubick reported Miller was asked if the voters back home would think this kind of horse-trading was wrong. Miller's reply was, "his 250,000 constituents would understand if he gave his vote for the governor's program and got something for the county in return." Miller said the two

sides were at the "Price is Right" stage looking at door number one and door number two.

This kind of "horse-trading" brings to mind the story of the man who asked the pretty young woman if she would sleep with him for a million dollars. When she said yes he asked, how about for fifty dollars. The indignant retort was, certainly not, what do you think I am a prostitute? He replied, I thought we had established that, I'm just negotiating the price.

A Republican senator, whose price evidently was chairmanship of a committee, gave control of the U.S. Senate this year to Democrats. He will find out if his constituents approve if he runs for reelection.

Is Senator Miller correct? Would his 250,000 constituents "understand" a tradeoff of a court-packing scheme for vanity license plates? Hopefully, Senator Miller has underestimated the voters but then you can never tell until the votes are in.

Oh yes, evidently the price wasn't right because Engler dropped the court packing scheme.

I truly want to be a good guy. An all-American, do-onto-others-as-you-would-have-them-do-onto-you guy.

No lying, cheating, stealing or killing. A guy who writes a column full of good things, happy things.

No whining, crying, sniffing or moaning. Not about the hookers on Michigan Avenue or whether a girl at a 24-hour restaurant has a right to brag about her sexual encounters, but about people, places and things to do right here in our local area.

We have plenty of good people and local celebrities to write about. People like Fred Lorenz, a Romulus High School graduate, who went on to Eastern Michigan University to study music and now has developed a reputation as one of the area's best saxophone players. Fred plays his sax every Sunday at Jamie's on Ford Road in Garden City.

Or Brandon Taylor, the young charismatic lead singer for the band Velkro. Brandon, who we have compared to Kid Rock, is always promoting the local music scene. Bands like Bridge, Government Honey, the Incurables, Liquid #9, Hack 5, Rob Roy, Rusty Lunchbox, Over Easy, and ICP have all come to know and

respect him

Or about our neighbors, our political leaders, city council members, judges, doctors, nurses, lawyers, teachers, police, firemen, bus drivers, cab drivers, and the other people who make this a great community.

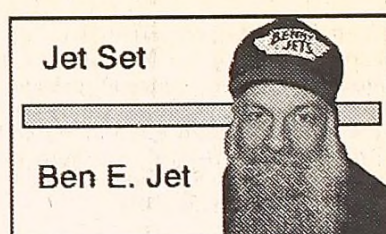
OK, lets cut the all-American-nice-guy stuff and get back to some moaning and complaining. I went to an area donut shop. Stood in line while the young lady who worked there took a big sneeze in the direction of the donuts and the little serving papers.

She covered her mouth for several big coughs and said, "Excuse me!"

She finished serving her customer, counted his change, picked up a serving paper, turned to the next guy in line, and said, "May I help you."

He calmly ordered a dozen donuts, sneeze and all. I'm sure her or her customer never read about Typhoid Mary or the 140 people who recently got salmonella poisoning from the germs they picked up at their local bakery.

To make it easier for people who work with food, if you don't already know: every time you sneeze, cough, touch money, scratch your head, tie



Jet Set

Ben E. Jet

your shoe or use the bathroom, you have to wash your hands with hot soapy water to kill the germs!

The reason you cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough is so the airborne germs don't fly into someone's face or on to someone's food.

If the germs or your snot go on your hand and you touch someone else, the food or even touch money, the germs start to move!

That might be enough for this column. I'm not going to start with the dirty coffee cups I have seen, or the grime on tables and chairs.

Take a good look at your favorite restaurant's carpet. Even nice restaurants. It may be better not to look. But if no one looks and no says anything, bon appetit!

To contact Ben E. Jet or to hire Benny and the Jets, call (313) 730-1627 or surf to WWW.BEN-NYANDTHEJETS.COM.

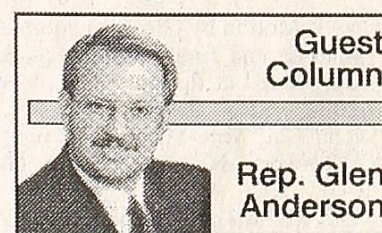
Good unemployment bill could be better

In 1995, the Republican-controlled Michigan legislature passed a law that froze the maximum unemployment benefits for laid-off workers at \$300 a week and gave substantial unemployment tax cuts to Michigan businesses.

Democrats, labor representatives and working families across Michigan were outraged. Unemployment insurance is a worker's first line of defense against an economic downturn. It is what allows Michigan's working families to continue to survive after losing jobs through no fault of their own.

This is a crucial issue for Michigan, since the jobless rate is the highest the state has seen since 1994.

Democrats have been calling on the GOP to restore benefits to the level they would be at today (\$415 maximum) and provide an increase for unemployed workers who don't



Guest Column

Rep. Glen Anderson

qualify to receive the maximum.

While many Republicans agree that it's time to raise unemployment benefits for laid-off workers, their proposals have greatly differed from those proposed by Democrats.

The original Republican-sponsored legislation reported from committee had called for an increase in maximum benefits to only \$362 a week and a "Waiting Week," meaning that a laid-off worker would have to wait for one week after they were laid off to receive a benefit check. In effect, the Republican proposal would

have punished employees for being laid off.

Some workers are forced to live paycheck-to-paycheck, and they still have to feed their families the first week after being laid off. Democrats pointed out that this so-called "Waiting Week" was actually a "Penalty Week," and it would have taken more than \$100 million from the pockets of Michigan's unemployed. Because of this "Penalty Week" provision, more than 50 percent of Michigan's jobless workers would have actually received a reduction in their benefits.

Other provisions in their bill would have eliminated unemployment benefits for autoworkers that receive supplemental layoff benefits such as sub-pay. Not only would this have eliminated current benefits for autoworkers, but it would also have meant sub-pay funds would have been depleted more quickly during

extended layoff periods.

Under the Democratic proposal, the maximum weekly benefit, which has been frozen at \$300 for six years (Michigan currently has the lowest maximum benefit level in the Midwest), would be restored to 58 percent of the state's average weekly wage, increasing the maximum to \$415. This would mean that the maximum weekly benefit would rise or fall according to the state's average wage.

In addition, the Democratic proposal would have given a five percent increase for all those receiving unemployment benefits, not just those who qualify for the maximum amount. It would also have removed the "Penalty Week" provision. This proposal, which I co-sponsored last year, has not been given a hearing by

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

‘Disgruntled’ person wrong about Wayne

This is an open letter to “B. Smith,” the author of last week’s tirade against virtually everyone who works for the city of Wayne.

Dear Sir or Madam,

In the first place, next time grow a pair and give your real name. Obviously, you are a former or current city employee with an ax to grind and you’ve decided to use the millage proposal to spew your vitriolic disenchantment. For the sake of argument though, let’s address some of the items with which you took issue.

Yes, we all have bills and we all pay taxes and no, nobody likes it but, unfortunately, they are a fact of life. A 1 mil increase (that which is proposed for the new police building) will cost the owner of a \$200,000 home \$100 per year. For what the city and its citizens will be gaining, that’s a bargain no matter how you look at it.

Neither I nor anyone I know can figure out what you mean by “police and fire personnel can retire when they’re teenagers.” If you’re referring to their ability to retire after 25 years

of service, all I can say is, I don’t want a 60-year-old cop trying to chase down the 19-year-old who just broke into my store nor do I want a 60-year-old firefighter trying to carry my stricken father down 10 flights of stairs when the elevator goes out.

Mr. or Ms. Smith, you expend a great deal of effort talking about cost overruns on various city projects. As you give no proof or documentation to substantiate these claims, I won’t lend credibility to your assertions by even addressing them.

As for your claims about the police chief, he has been on the front page with a gun once. And in fact, that was a fake gun from a training exercise.

Has he been on the front page other times? Absolutely. He is the police chief and the public needs to associate him with any police-related articles. Whose picture do you want on the front page, the undercover officer who helps keep dope out of your children’s school?

Finally, I have no idea what the police chief earns but if he’s making \$170,000 a year, he is arguably the highest paid law enforcement official

in the country. That’s not a typo, the country. The U.S. Attorney General isn’t pulling in \$170,000, for goodness sake!

From there, you moved onto the City’s DPW. By all means, let’s pick on them. When a water main breaks in January and it’s 3 a.m., they come out. I defy you to find better snow removal anywhere, and I mean anywhere. The citizens of this city are spoiled in that regard.

Yes, street lights burn out. Then they get replaced. The lights downtown have not been “out since Thanksgiving.” That is a gross misrepresentation and only makes you sound ignorant and petty, Mr. or Ms. Smith.

Finally, the DPW, to my knowledge, has nothing to do with rubbish collection. If I’m wrong, I’ll take my lumps on that one, but I believe that job is contracted out.

In regards to your city hall bashing, it is the city manager’s job to oversee the whole works, and if that, at times, takes micro-managing, so be it. A good manager knows when to do that, knows when to let his people do the work, and knows to

get rid of subordinates that aren’t doing the job right.

The last third of your letter is pretty much just sarcastic venting, and it’s certainly your right to do so, but as you intimate at the end, perhaps you should call a Realtor.

I don’t know why anyone with even the slightest amount of intelligence or common sense would continue to live in a city where their taxes are too high, all renovations are millions of dollars in the red, the city manager and personnel director are narcissistic boobs, the DPW is worthless and the Public Safety Departments are wasting oxygen, suckling at the public teat.

I am voting for the construction of the new police building. I would urge all voters to simply vote their conscience but by all means vote.

Please, do not vote against the proposal simply because one obviously disgruntled individual gets a pile of half-truths and innuendoes printed in the paper.

Sincerely,
Kevin Karson
Wayne

Mother owes apology to police

To the editor:

I read with great interest the letter from Teresa Summers regarding the way the Westland police allegedly treated her daughter.

My eyebrows rose when she wrote that she “doesn’t understand what happened to my 14-year-old daughter when the police took her into custody during a raid of an apartment on March 8 at 10 a.m.” They rose even higher when I learned that she wanted an apology from the police.

I don’t understand what her daughter was doing in an apartment instead of being at school where she belongs on a Friday at 10 a.m. I don’t

understand how a mother who “was up by 9 a.m.” didn’t know the whereabouts of her daughter.

I don’t understand why she wasn’t up to see her daughter off to school. I don’t understand why a mother would allow her daughter to hang around an apartment that obviously has some type of criminal activity afoot in it.

I seriously doubt that a search warrant was executed in the manner it was described as having been, just to gather evidence for a statutory rape case. It appears that there are some other extenuating circumstances that were not brought forth.

Ms. Summers, executing a search warrant at a residence is a highly dy-

namic and dangerous event. Officers have no way of knowing if there are weapons present or if the occupants are going to be assaultive and combative.

For everyone’s safety, including the occupants of the residence, all non-police personnel are secured. The police then secure the scene and deal with the occupants accordingly.

In this case, finding a 14-year-old girl that should have been in school would indicate to me that she indeed might be a runaway and that further investigation is not only proper, but also in order.

It is my opinion that the Westland police did what was appropriate and

actually did you a service by taking your daughter into protective custody and notifying you of her whereabouts, which you obviously had no clue of.

Since she is a minor, it is their responsibility to safely return her to her parents or guardians.

In my opinion, if anyone owes anybody an apology, it is you. You owe an apology to your daughter for having allowed her to be in that type of environment, and to the Westland Police Department for having to deal with your daughter.

Sincerely,
Dale Covert
Canton

Actions speak louder than words

To the editor:

There has been a lot of letters and commentary lately regarding Mrs. Graunstadt, Mr. and Mrs. LeBlanc, and Mr. and Mrs. Gracin. I hope people keep in mind that actions speak so much louder than words.

I listened to Mr. Gracin speak a few council meetings ago and what he said just made sense. Of course, his questions weren’t answered but there sure was a lot of back peddling used to defend some of the council members decisions.

I listened to Mrs. Gracin speak, and for me, she expressed the very frustration I was experiencing with certain council members I supported because I believed their campaign

speeches. I think it is fitting that Mrs. LeBlanc step up and speak out. Mrs. LeBlanc merely restated things that I have personally come to know about Richard LeBlanc.

As far as Mrs. Graunstadt is concerned, her only fault is that she stood by her promises.

I agree that council meetings must be run in an orderly fashion but that applies to both sides of the podium.

One big shocker was the temper tantrum type of behavior out of a former council member. I was almost sure he was going to challenge someone to a who-can-hold-their-breath-the-longest contest. I am embarrassed to say that I supported him. I’m thinking that my lemons would

have been better utilized by someone with the maturity to operate a juicer.

If I were the speaker commenting about how my child can’t learn about government by watching council meetings because of the unruliness, I would be more worried about the conduct such as Mr. Eadeh’s. Healthy debate is one way to keep outlooks fresh. Carrying on like a toddler is not.

What absolutely has my mind spinning is how certain current and defeated candidates in the council race spent a great deal of time trying to garnish support from the very people they now chastise. Things that make you go hmmm.

I am glad to see a more varied

crowd in the council chambers. Hats off to whoever organized the cheer-leading team in the audience.

I am supremely disappointed with some of the choices our current mayor has made. To me at least, it drives home the old saying: “It’s not what you know, but who you know and who you owe.”

I am not criticizing the person because I don’t personally know Mayor Cicirelli, but I do have the right to criticize her actions. What was said many times before, though: the people will judge the elected officials actions at the next election.

Sincerely,
Susan Barton
Westland

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 9, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, MI 48111.

This Public Hearing relates to Parcel ID No. V-125-83-110-05-0060-000, located at 47114 Harbor Pointe Court.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren in an R-1B (Single Family Residential) Zoning District. The applicant, Patio Enclosures Incorporated, is proposing to construct an enclosed patio approximately 30.29 feet from the rear property line.

Approval of this application as submitted would require the following variance.

ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 17.02, SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS,
Rear Yard Setback - 35.00 feet required
- 30.29 feet proposed
- 4.71 foot variance is required

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Development Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above referenced Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of meeting if requesting accommodations.

Publish: March 28, 2002
Posted: March 21, 2002

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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This Public Hearing relates to Parcel ID No. V-125-83-071-99-0002-703, located at 1785 Rawsonville Road.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren in an M-2 (General Industrial) Zoning District. The applicant, Thompson-McCully Company, is proposing to raise the height of their existing exhaust stack from 90.5 feet to 155.0 feet.

Approval of this application as submitted would require the following variance from the Zoning Ordinance standard:

ARTICLE XVII, SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS,
Maximum - 40.00 feet permitted
- 155.00 feet proposed
- 115.00 foot height variance required

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Development Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above referenced Public Hearing.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR
2002-2003 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday, May 6, 2001 at 6:30 p.m., in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan for the purpose of discussing the Proposed Budget. The Proposed Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Budget is available for inspection in the Clerk’s office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE
LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE
A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

PUBLISH: March 28, 2002

NOTICE
ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT COUNTY OF WAYNE
Annual School Election June 10, 2002

LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2002 4:00 P.M.

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Nominating petitions for filling two (2) vacancies as a Member of the Board of Education in the Romulus Community School District may be obtained from the office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TWO (2) - FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS

Deadline for submission of nominating petitions is Monday, April 8, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time. Petitions should contain a minimum of thirty (30) signatures of voters registered in the Romulus Community School District.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

PUBLISH: March 28, 2002
April 4, 2002

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO THE
PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE
CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 19, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.

If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land, and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00 in the discretion of the court.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 21, 2002 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent cuttings will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reached 12 inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners expense.

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March 28, 2002

SCHOOL NEWS



Nathan Gardner as Pippin and Laura Williams as Catherine.
Photos by Brenda Gracin

Co-op offers small classes

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Special Writer

Students aren't numbers at Morning Day School: they are not first-, second- or third-graders. They are not statistics in a MEAP report, or one among 30 in a crowded classroom. They are not part of a numbers game for school funding, or are not mounted on the base of a trophy as a school bragging right. Morning Day students are individuals.

"We have a vision of how education should look for children," said Elaine Yagiela, the school's founder. Yagiela believes that children benefit from hands-on experience and individual learning in classrooms that are multi-aged, that encourage education at a student's own pace, and that are small. The teacher-to-student ration is 1 to 11, and each teacher is aided by three to four parents per day.

Children at Morning Day set their own schedules on goal-setting day. Though goal-setting day is teacher directed and motivated, students are involved. Each student makes an appointment with their teacher, maps their day, looks at their goals, and schedules where each class will fall.

Classes include math, reading, science, history, music, and Spanish, among many others.

"We want children to own their learning," said Yagiela. "We want them to feel responsible for their own learning.

The students are placed in small groups according to skills. Morning Day has a group that is just right for everyone, allowing students to fit in by ability and social skills.

New children are assessed individually by teachers, and with the use of one diagnostic test, although it is only given on a need basis. No MEAP testing is done at the school.

The school believes the best information comes from working with the child, reading with the child, and letting a teacher decide where that child is performing.

Report cards never hold letter grades. Each card is a narrative about a student's performance, a written conference on his or her skills and learning.

Parents are a very important part of the school.

"We look at parents as being team members," said Yagiela. "We encourage parents to monitor student behavior."

The school encourages the children in turning to those adults for help, the purpose and goal to help each child individually progress as far as he or she can.

Morning Day is a co-op. Parent participation is required and appreciated.

Classes at the school include Me and My Shadow, 2- to 3-year olds; pre-school, 2- to 5-year-olds; half-day primary, 4- to 5-year olds; full-day primary 4- to 5-year olds; elementary, corresponding to traditional grades one to five; and middle school, corresponding to traditional grades six to eight.

The school is currently in the process of expanding, adding on a 10,000-square-foot addition that will be ready for the 2002-2003 school year.

Parents interested in contacting Morning Day can call 734-420-3331 for information.



Morning Day student shows off a stepping stone created by the students for the school's annual auction.

P-C 'Pippen' was a prince of a play

Thirty years ago, 'Pippen,' a musical comedy about a young prince's quest to find himself debuted on Broadway. Last weekend, it debuted on the stage of the Gloria Logan Center for the Performing Arts at Plymouth Salem High School.

Geoffrey Kopp, director of the production, chose his cast from over 100 students who tried out in December. Those finally cast in roles spent the next three months preparing for the performance.

"I chose 'Pippen' because I believed it was something that the students could relate to as they search for what they want out of life," said Kopp.

Students not only acted in the comedy, but also took part in choreography, set and costume design.

Ryan Patrick Walsh, cast in the role of the Leading Player, designed the costumes.

"This has been an amazing experience," said Walsh. "The director, fellow castmembers and crew have made it so much fun."

Nathan Gardner played the key role of Pippen. Gardner, a freshman at Salem High School, surprised many by being chosen at such a young age to play a lead role.

"This show has been a crazy learning experience," said Gardner. "We have an awesome cast and crew, everyone has worked very hard."

The production premiered on Thursday night, with performances Friday and Saturday night.

Cast members were Ryan Walsh, Nathan Gardner, Mark Henke, Andrea Kirk, Joe Drake, Meg Phillips, Laura Williams and Jerry Reid.

The players were Valerie Akers, Carla Angeloni, Kim Black, Megan Brown, Laura Bryan, Clare Burke, Katrina Chizek, Kristina Dickey, Zack Dunlap, Meghan Galvin, Katie Garland, Kyle Gnagey, Kristi



Canton and Salem students perform.

Halewicz, Natalie Higginbotham, Theo Hollingsworth, Diana Kallie, Brendan Kownacki, Jennifer Mar- entic, Sherri Mealy, Nicole Mellian, Lincoln Moore, Patti Nelson, Keshia Oliver, Brie Overmars, Ash- leigh Rotondo, Clare Selden, Jordan Shaft and Kailee Sosnowski.

Students warned about spring break dangers

Spring break is upon us. Peer Educators at Churchill High School are spending time educating other students about the dangers that could be part of the annual spring ritual.

In partnership with First Step, a domestic and sexual abuse awareness program supported by the Michigan Department of Health, students—Peer Educators—have been trained to go from classroom to classroom speaking to each other about date rape and some of the drugs associated with it.

Brandon O'Leary, Adam Jakubowski, Denna Deroo, Kari Lotzian, Andrew Ribar, Laura Mester, Kristin Loudermilk, Lev Merigian, Meagan Yuchas, Derek Mireles, and Andrew Perez visit class rooms to take part in over thirty skits per year in their attempt to teach Churchill High School students about a epidemic among high school and college students. Performing skits about spring break, their mission is to let other students know that date rape is a common occurrence, and in fact, happens far more often than rape by an unknown.

The use of drugs, commonly known as Ruffies or GHB, occurs on a regular basis. They are tasteless and leave any- one drinking them vulnerable and help- less to defend themselves, more often than not, making them forget what even took place.

Presented at the end of each skit, a list of risk-reducers that include never accepting drinks from someone else, never leaving a drink unattended, knowing boundaries, not using alcohol, and discussing relationship expectations.

April has been designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and First Step and the Churchill Peer Educators would like everyone to wear a green ribbon to support the program and efforts to educate and eradicate the problem. The ribbon signifies the support for survivors and their families, and encourages a greater awareness of the issue of sexual assault.

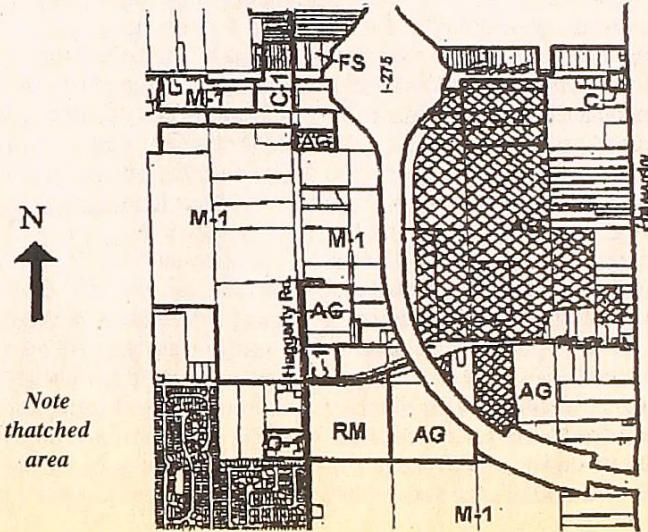
The First Step Sexual Assault program offers the following crisis and support services to sexual assault survivors, their families and friends: Assault response advocates, 24-hour help line, counseling, referrals, court advocacy, shelter, group presentations and other support services.

The 24 hour help line is 1-734-459-5900 or toll free at 1-888-453-4900.

CHARTER TOWNSHM OF VAN BUREN
ORDINANCE 03-19-02
PROPOSED REZONING MAP

First Reading of Ordinance 03-19-02, Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday April 2, 2002 to be held in the Board Room in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE. 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.



THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:-

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 03-19-02

To rezone the following from C-2 to C-1, AG to C-1, C-2 to OT and AG to OT.

Legal Description of Property:

V-125-83-045-99-0020-001 and the westerly most 1350 feet of parcel V-125-83-045-99-0006-002 from C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) to C-1 (General Business),

V-125-83-046-99-0001-000 and V-125-83-046-99-0005-002 from AG (Agricultural/Large Estate) to C-1 (General Business),

V-125-83-045-99-0020-003 from C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) to OT (Office Technology), parcels V-125-83-045-00-0021-001, V-125-83-046-99-0005-704, V-125-83-046-99-0005-705, V-125-83-047-99-0018-000, V-125-83-047-99-0017-000, V-125-83-047-99-0015-000, V-125-83-047-99-0012-001, V-125-83-047-99-0020-000, V-125-83-048-99-0002-000, V-125-83-048-99-0019-000, V-125-83-048-99-0001-000, V-125-83-048-99-0004-000, and the northern most 1400 feet of parcel V-125-83-048-99-0010-000 from AG (Agricultural/Large Estate) to OT (Office Technology). Located in section 12 of Van Buren Township.

Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed hereby to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the ____ day of ____, 2002.

Yeas: King, Payne, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak.
Nays: None.
Absent: Budd.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 03-19-02 was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Adopted:
Published: March 28, 2002
Effective

CITY OF WAYNE
ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2002-10
MARCH 18, 2002

Special Meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 18, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. Members Present: Haidous, Dobrowolski, Kelly, Dickerson, Lentine, Shackelford. Member Absent: McEachern, excused. Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2002. Held a Public Hearing and approved a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land & Water Conservation Fund grant application for Attwood Park. APPROVED: request to proclaim March 24-30, 2002 as Severe Weather Awareness Week and the third week in May as Athletes With Physical Disabilities Week; request from the Moslem Shrine Temple to solicit donations, June 14,15 and 16, 2002; bids awarded for a back-up generator for the Stellwagen Lift Station, Louis Savage Garfield Park Playground Project, 2002 Fireworks Show, landscaping at the Interim Fire Station/DPW Facility, and a treadmill and stationary bike for the Aquatic Area; rejection of bid for repairs to the Animal Shelter roof; resolution to Wayne County regarding the Wayne Road Resurfacing Project; payments to Overhead Door West Commercial, Inc., on an emergency basis, for repairs to the entrance gate at the parking structure, McKenna Heating & Cooling, Inc., on an emergency basis, for repairs to the HVAC heating system in City Hall, ComputerCOP, for twenty-five hundred Parental Internet Monitoring Software units with the Police Department logo, Detroit Edison, for the removal of an overhead power pole and to place the service underground, in the vacated alley in Central Business District Parking Lot #1; recommendation to rescind the approval of a contract by the City Council on November 20, 2001 to provide a minicarnival for Wheelfest 2002 with Jules & Beck Combined Shows; entering into contracts with Mid-America Shows, to provide a carnival for Wheelfest 2002 and with Comcast, for Community Center advertising for the period May, 2002 through November, 2002; Professional Services Agreement with Riccobono Productions, to provide entertainment and sound for the 2002 Fireworks Show; entering into an Interlocal Agreement with participating cities, townships and the Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association; amending the Classification Plan to include the position of Health and Wellness Supervisor; declaration of 4309 Columbus Street as a Hazard/Nuisance, and assess the charges to the owner of record; Site plans, #2002-01, proposed apartment building, 3300, 3304 & 3308 Gloria Street, #2002-02, Not Just Graphics/Canton Pool Company and 34918 Michigan Avenue West, #2002-03, Plain Talk, 33141 Glenwood Road. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

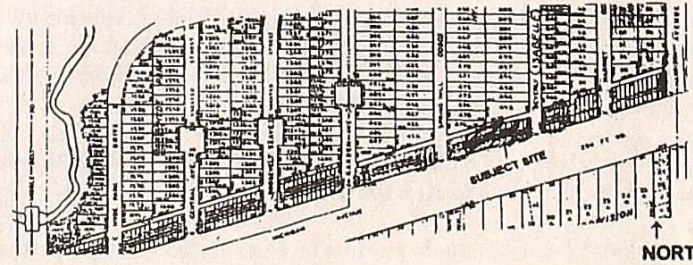
Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: March 28, 2002

CITY OF INKSTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF
INKSTER, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO ACT 207 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOR 1921 AS AMENDED, THAT A PUBLIC HEARING MUST BE HELD TO CONSIDER A SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST. THE CITY OF INKSTER'S PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE BOOKER T. DOZIER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 MIDDLEBELT ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN 48141 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT. THE APPLICANT, OMAR ABU HAMDAN, HAS PROPOSED TO CONSTRUCT A VEHICLE WASH ESTABLISHMENT IN A B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT. PER THE CITY'S ZONING CODE, SECTIONS 155.047(D)(21), 155.1 11, AND 155.127 AS AMENDED OF THE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 277, THE PROPOSED USE IS PERMITTED SUBJECT TO SPECIAL LAND USE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MICHIGAN AND ISABELLE AVENUES AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING:

LOTS 481 THROUGH 492, BOTH INCLUSIVE, EXCEPT PART TAKEN TO WIDEN ROAD, HYDE PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 51, PAGE 9 OF PLATS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS. (COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS 28640 MICHIGAN AVENUE, PROPERTY ID #44005-03-0483001)



PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE INVITED. PERSONS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY SEND THEIR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY OF INKSTER PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, 2121 INKSTER ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN 48141. COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH 12:00 NOON, APRIL 8, 2002. PLEASE REFERENCE CASE NO. PC02-03 IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CITY OF INKSTER WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND AUDIO TAPES OF PRINTED MATERIALS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES UPON FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY OF INKSTER AT (313)563-3211.

LAWRENCE CHASTANG
CHAIRMAN
PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLISH: MARCH 28, 2002

SOUND OFF EXTRA — (734) 729-4000 X 206

Inkster City Council members have ignored slain police officers for years

With typical fashion, the showed their usual disdain for the police department.

For 15 years no effort has been made by the city fathers to erect a memorial to the slain officers. The small remembrances that are there now were not paid for by them.

But when someone proposes a more fitting memorial, they all want to jump on the bandwagon. Let's have images. Bronze images!

This won't cost the city a dime, which is how the members of the police department probably prefer it anyway — retired and proud to have been an Inkster Police Officer.

Do you believe Jim Netter was a Vietnam vet? Someone does

I have no problem believing that Jim Netter served in Vietnam.

We lost, didn't we?

Fire department brass spends too much money on public relations

How ridiculous, the Westland Fire Department is equipped with borrowed, secondhand, antique, and condemned fire trucks while the fire chief and deputy chief ride around in new SUVs wearing leather jackets. Someone needs to look into this obvious abuse of power and city money.

Why aren't the vehicles that the city provides for the fire administrators marked like the City of Wayne's fire vehicles are? This seems like an easy way to control accountability.

Furthermore, are the vehicles that other fire officials use a contractual agreement with the city or some type of unwritten perk? What is going on?

Also, what is this I hear about an EMS tactical team? Wouldn't it be less expensive to send a few of the police officers on the SWAT team to EMS school instead of adding 6-7 firefighters to the SWAT team.

It appears to me that the last few fire chiefs were more interested in public relations instead of firefighting. Lets hope this new chief changes his ways before someone starts screaming for his removal.

Gracin's perks as a contributing writer have no place in politics

I wanted to congratulate Ivan for a well-written column, "Sound-Off is Anonymous (March 14)."

I hope the Eagle keeps Brenda Gracin on a short leash, as her bias against most city employees seems overwhelming.

I hope in the future Mrs. Gracin understands that the perks she enjoys as a contributing writer to your paper have no place in Westland's politics.

By the way Mrs. Gracin, I am a citizen.

Forget 'grandiose plans' because 'Thomas left our house in terrible shape'

The election is over. If we watch and listen carefully, before too long

the actions of Westland's new mayor will speak louder than the words spoken during her campaign.

I think she is already finding out that Bob Thomas left our house in terrible shape, and that any hopes of grandiose plans for a new this or a special service that are wishful thinking.

Tell the kids there will be no trip to Disney World this summer. Ma and pa don't have the dough.

And no, we can't hit up the neighbors — they're plum broke too.

Do an article about the differences between Westland's senior centers

Why are there two senior centers in Westland? Are there duplications of services?

Please do an article on these two organizations for the citizens of Westland to decide which they want to support.

Westland Democratic Club member spurns backstabbing candidate

Does a division exist in the Westland Democratic Club? I would just say that we don't take kindly to one of our own backstabbing our candidates.

In the last election, a vote was

made to endorse Richard LeBlanc for mayor, yet one board member, who was also a council candidate, chose to publicly write a letter favoring Ms. Cicirelli over Mr. LeBlanc. This coming shortly after his own mother graciously passed out this person's literature at the primary precinct.

The voters resoundingly rejected this person, but the mayor welcomed this person with open arms, and in gratitude placed this person on a city

board.

Skeptical about Westland administration's ability to support money demands

Let the show begin. With Westland's budget talks just around the corner, the presentations will be flawed.

See **SOUND OFF EXTRA**, page A-10



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Some cooking

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Special Writer

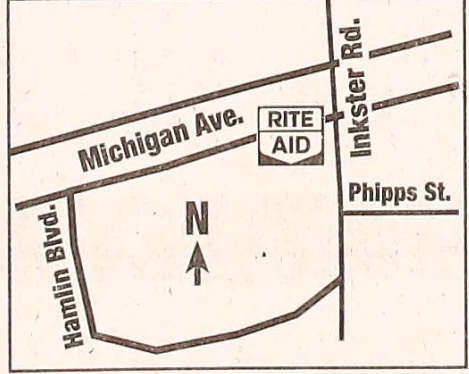
Plymouth-Canton's Culinary Arts Team took first place honors at a Michigan Restaurant Association's Student Culinary Competition. The event was held at Baker College in Muskegon.

Kristin Bence, Lauren Svoboda, Travis Jespersion and Scott Liston will represent the school and Michigan, in a national competition this May in Colorado Springs.

Each of these four students will receive a \$10,000 scholarship from Johnson and Wales, a national culinary arts academy.

Bence, Svoboda, Jespersion and Liston prepared a three course meal for the judges at the Michigan competition. The meal consisted of winter green salad with balsamic vinaigrette, pinenuts and parmesan crackers; hericots verts (french green beans); saffron risotto; osso bucca with gramolota (minced herbs), and zabiglona, (Italian custard with meringue and mascarated berries under a caramel cage.)

Judging consisted of points for sanitation skills, knife skills, teamwork and organization, food preparation, presentation and taste.



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Charges could soon be filed in Canton group home resident

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the February death of a group home resident a homicide, and three workers could face criminal charges.

In a report issued Tuesday, the medical examiner said 22-year-old Charles Mancill suffocated because of compression on his chest. Mancill lost consciousness Feb. 13 after an altercation with group home workers at a Super Kmart on Ford Road after he took a toy from the store. He was

taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, where he was pronounced dead.

Canton police on Wednesday turned over the case to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, which will decide if criminal charges will be brought against the workers, Sgt. Todd Mutchler said.

Mancill was living at a Redford Township facility run by Imani Residential Services, which specializes in care for developmentally disabled people. The three workers who restrained him were suspended, while the staff reviewed the details of the case. They are back on the job and innocent of any wrongdoing, said Gregory Bator, attorney for the group home. Mancill had long been upset over his family's infrequent visits, which could have led to his actions last month, Bator said.

"His behavior outside the Kmart store was not unique," Bator said. "Dealing with an individual with the problems he presented isn't simple."

On Feb. 13, Mancill was a passenger on a group home van when it stopped at the Super Kmart in Canton Township. Mancill asked to use

the store restroom. Once inside, he took a toy from the shelf and ran out of the store, police said.

Group home workers took the toy, and Mancill became violent, police

said. Group home employees tried to subdue him. According to the Medical Examiner's report, there were three care givers involved—one lying across Mancill's lower abdomen and upper legs, another on his chest and arms and a third holding onto his lower legs. Mancill became unresponsive and lost consciousness, police said.

Crash kills 74-year-old Canton woman

A 74-year-old Canton woman died Saturday as the result of a traffic accident at the intersection of Ford Road and Morton Taylor.

Sylvia Habuda died from multiple injuries suffered when her Ford Escort was struck turning northbound on Morton Taylor from eastbound Ford at approximately 2:30 p.m.

She was alone in the vehicle, which sustained extensive damage.

Habuda was transported from the scene to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where she died a short time later.

Her vehicle was struck by a Ford pickup truck heading westbound on Ford.

The vehicle was driven by a 45-year-old Southgate man. He suffered minor injuries in the accident as did a passenger in the truck, a 20-year-old Melvindale woman.

Both were transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and later released.

Canton Police is investigating the accident and will determine what charges, if any, may be brought against the driver of the truck.

Cleanup considered

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Special Writer

Canton residents may be surprised at some of the sites recently designated as possible Brownfields in their community.

The Canton Township Board has been approached to develop a Brownfields Authority to deal with contamination in order to develop properties. An authority would give the township the ability to collect revenues from areas designated in the form of TIF money, enabling them to help developers clean up contaminated land.

Eventually, the newly developed land could mean millions in added tax revenues for the township, due to property that would have increased value as it is developed and made viable.

A TIF district would allow the authority to capture taxes above those already paid to the township because of the increased value of the improvements.

That money would be set aside in the authority and could be used in the future for possible infrastructure improvements and other projects.

Presented to the board was a list of possible contaminated sites, including a list of gas stations with leaking underground storage tanks. Those include Shell Service Station at Ford and Haggerty, Total at Ford and Canton Center, and the Speedway on Michigan Avenue. Other sites with underground tank leakage are; Canton Township Value Muffler, Former Acme Packaging Facility, Rite Aid, and former Canton Party Store.

Also included were sites with other contamination problems, a presentation that lists well over a hundred additional contaminated sites within the township, including the possible inclusion of a subdivision.

If the Board of Trustees decides to establish the authority, notice will be given to the public and to the taxing jurisdiction. At that time a public hearing will be set for residents to

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less and the endless documentation of the many, many needs of our city departments.

Stories of inhumane working conditions, defective equipment, unsafe vehicles, etc. All the while, months and months have gone by, and one former councilman was denied paperwork to backup requests for more money.

Was that because the funds for services are much harder to show than the demands for things?

If you want to find the good ol' boys, look no farther than Dem Club

To the author of the Sound Off defending the Westland Democratic Club's election: I find it very ironic that many of those Dems elected, such as Judy McKinney, Marian Greenfield, and Bill Fern whined a lot when their leaders didn't get elected in the November city election.

So are we really to believe you when you accuse the current mayor and city council of obtaining their positions solely due to their associations and friendships, while the Democratic Club's leaders were elected purely on merit? Even though all of you are attached at the hip?

Sorry, I'm not buying it.

I have seen the Good Ol' Boys Network, and it is the Westland Democratic Club.



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INKSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FILING DEADLINE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION POSITION

A candidate who wishes to seek a position on the Inkster School Board must file a nominating petition and Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2002. The number of signatures required is 20.

The annual school election will be held on Monday, June 11, 2002. One position on the Inkster Board will be filled at the election. This position will be a 4-year term ending June 30, 2006.

Petition and affidavit forms can be obtained at the office of the Inkster Board of Education, Hiram McNeeley Administration Building. Office hours 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Secretary,
Jacqueline Sledge

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CITY OF INKSTER
ABSTRACT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

THE City Council met at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 4, 2002. Present: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks, James and Mayor Hampton. Absent: Councilwoman Bostedor.

APPROVED: Special 2/5 and Regular 2/18 Meeting Minutes; background music on Assess Channel; \$926.00 to Wade-Trim; City Clerk to attend Clerks Institute; Three (3) recommendations for sale of property from Property Committee; rescind resolution #92-12-544; \$10,000.00 to SLC Meter and Etna Supply; solicitation of sealed bids for mobile video cameras and Glock auto pistols; awarding contracts to Globe Computer Supplies; Netarx, Inc.; Winder Police Equipment; Stone's Collision; solicit quotes to loop dead end water mains; Planning Director and Commissioner to attend conference; properties to Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and Peoples Community Hope for Homes, Inc.; Inkster Weed & Seed to apply for Liaison Officer for additional year; job well done to Ms. Jeannie Fields, Inkster Weed & Seed Director and \$9,390.85 to Winder Police Equipment. **DENIED** sale of property to F. Lamar Hall and Michael & Lori Hall Armstrong. **SOLD** property to James & Florence Paschall and Emmanuel Apostolic Faith Temple Church. **APPROVED** resolution supporting Wayne County Resolution #2002113. **MEETING** adjourned at 9:08 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk

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the Republican leadership even though it was introduced in February of 2001. The unemployment insurance fund currently is at a record high \$2.6 billion.

While I am disappointed in the final House approved version of the bill, which only raised the maximum benefit level to \$375 and included no increase for individuals not qualifying for the maximum benefit, I am pleased that the "Penalty Week" provision was removed. After seven years, any increase is a positive step for Michigan's unemployed workers.

I am convinced that, had it not been for the Democratic Caucus' united opposition to the original Republican proposal, we would have seen a much worse piece of legislation.

Many Republicans were reluctant to even support the punitive original proposal. The Speaker was so displeased by the version of the proposal approved by the committee, that he removed the committee chair from his position. Stripping the committee chair from his position was the Speaker's attempt at atoning for the debacle that had occurred when the bill was taken up on the House floor.

I support President Bush in saying that we need to do all we can to stimulate the economy. Unemployment benefits are almost immediately spent on food, clothing, and other necessities. That infusion of cash would help Michigan's economy.

Until we can make sure that everyone who loses their job through no fault of their own can survive while they're out of work, I will remain only "somewhat" pleased with the passage of this bill. We can do better.

CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE OF NUISANCE & HAZARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a nuisance and safety hazard existed, consisting of an unsecured door and garage, declared by the Council to be dangerous to the welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Wayne, on property located at 4309 Columbus Street, Tax ID No. Q17-05-0022-000.

By order of the City Manager, the building was secured on an emergency basis. The costs to abate the hazard will be assessed to the owner of record.

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Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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Belleville odyssey ends at state semis

Detroit Redford ousts Tigers, 58-33

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Arctic winds swept the tundra that led to the Breslin Arena in East Lansing on Friday afternoon and chilled fans and froze Belleville's hopes of playing for the coveted Class A state basketball title.

While Detroit Redford warmed up to the challenge, Belleville could not jump-start or generate the heat that would melt down their semifinal opponent.

Subsequently, Coach Mike Krogel's Tigers suffered a season-ending 58-33 loss at the hands of Redford Huskies.

Disappointed at the outcome of

the game, the first-year Belleville coach was quick to point out that he was not disappointed with his team or the players.

"How can you be disappointed with a team that has won 23 of their 27 games this year?" asked Krogel afterward. "Our coaching staff and fans are very proud of this group. They deserve a lot of credit for what they achieved this season."

What Belleville achieved this season was: the Mega-Red championship and the Mega-Red, Mega-White Playoff title. To get to the state semis, Belleville also had to eliminate Ann Arbor Pioneer (53-50) in the regional finals and Lansing Everett (51-49) in the quarterfinals.

No small accomplishment for any

high school ball club.

Did winning two last-second victories take its toll on his players? (Both the Pioneer and Everett games were decided with last-second baskets).

"Some have pointed that out to me," commented Krogel. "I really can't say. We just didn't play the kind of game (against Redford) we all know we are capable of. We shot less than 25 percent against them - and that just isn't us. Obviously we had a cold, a horrendous night from the field."

Belleville managed to score 10 points in the first period, another 10 in the second. It got even worse after the half when the Tigers were held to single digits - 8 and 5 points for the

third and final quarters of their season.

From the opening tip, Redford took command. While Belleville missed its first two opportunities to score, Redford's Jamal Lock scored on a short jumper and then came back after a Tiger turnover and scored the front end of a one-and-one after he sustained a foul from James Holmes.

Holmes got Belleville on the scoreboard at 5:54 of the first period and the senior guard's basket was followed up by teammate Charles Woodford's two-pointer after Redford's Dion Harris scored from under the basket.

Belleville's Antoine Jordan then came through with his first two-

points, to cut the Huskies' lead to 7-6. But then Redford scored six unanswered points which ended with Alex Davenport's free throw.

Back-to-back baskets by Huskies' Kendrick Moten and Harris widened the gap again, 17-7, and that was enough for Krogel to ask for a "time out."

Harris scored his team's first point of the quarter with less than eight seconds left, but on the return trip Davenport released an at-the-buzzer desperation shot that hit the target for his first three-pointer and brought the Belleville fans to their feet.

Was this to become the shot that would heat up the team, the shot that would be heard all the way to

Redford.

Unfortunately, the Tigers came back in the second period and missed their first two opportunities to score. Again it was Redford that made the first move. A three-point play by Harris, and a free throw widened the gap in Redford's favor to 14 points (24-10), but the Tigers stayed within striking distance as Woodford came up with a basket, followed by Darryl Hudson's two free throws and when Trevor Stanberry tossed in his first basket, followed by Davenport's free throw, the Tigers closed the gap to eight (28-20).

Shannon Reddler smoothly coasted past Belleville's defense in the closing second and laid up a two

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Hoskins, Meagrow picked All-WLAA

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although they didn't get an opportunity to compete in a regional playoff, Plymouth-Salem's junior forward Dave Hoskins and Plymouth-Canton's senior forward Andrew Meagrow throughout the regular season proved they were among the best players in the Western Lakes Conference.

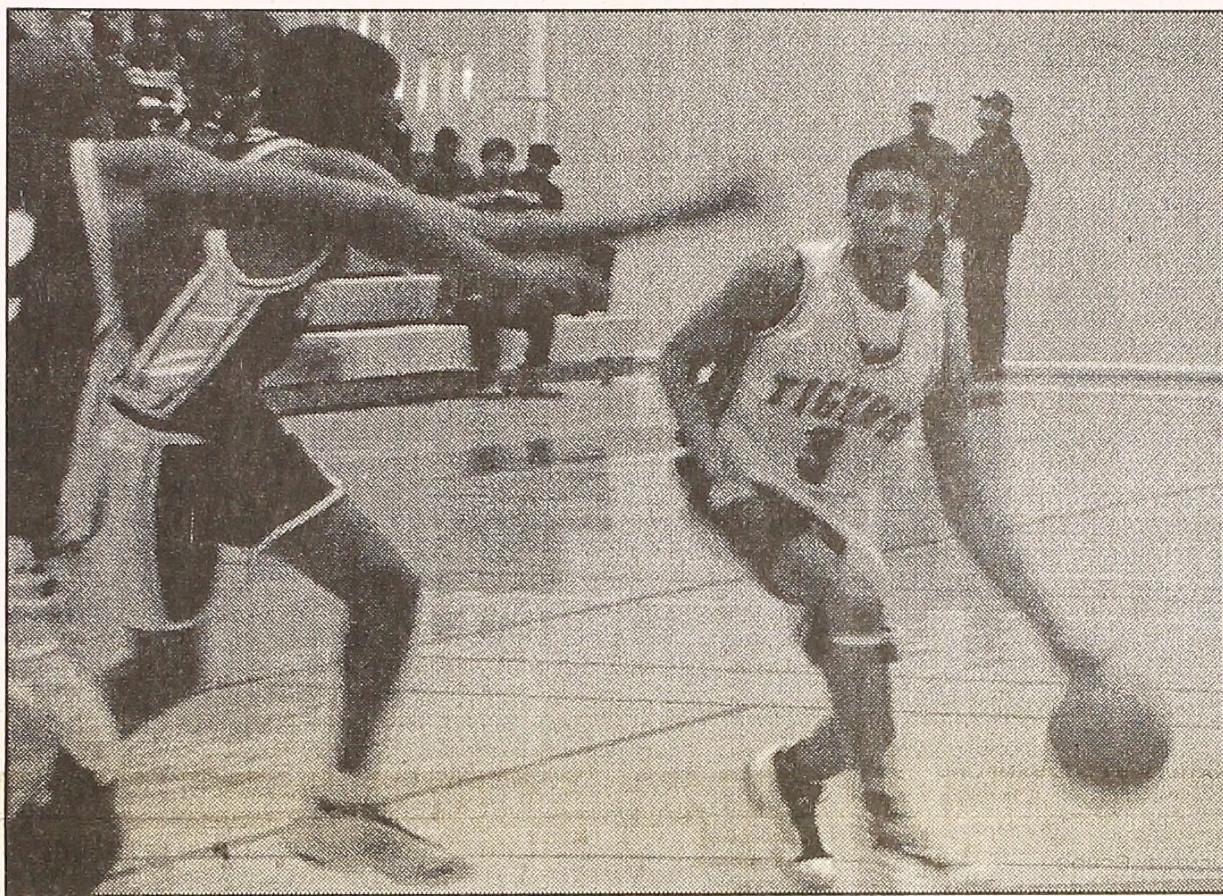
Hoskins led Coach Bob Brodie's Rocks to the Lakes Division and the WLAA Conference Playoff Championships, while Meagrow was a key component in providing the Chiefs their first ever Western Division basketball championship.

Hoskins and Meagrow were unanimous coaches' picks to the 2001-2002 All-Conference Team. Joining the local stars on the roster are David Zeitlin, a senior out of Walled Lake Western; North Farmington's outstanding senior Mike Leach; Darnell Wilson, a junior who sparked Westland John Glenn's Rockets in the stretch and helped them claim a share of the Western Division title; Lindon Ivezaj, a senior from Livonia Stevenson.

In the meantime, Glenn and Salem each placed one players on the coaches' All-Lakes Division Team. The honors went to Darnell Smith, who represents Glenn on the mythical team, and Pat Abraham, a 6-4 forward who brought the curtains down on an outstanding basketball career at Salem.

Rounding out the All-Lakes Division lineup are: Marcus McComb, (junior, North Farmington); Brandon Cassise (sophomore, Walled Lake Central); Matt Bartnick (senior, Livonia Stevenson); and Ryan Kosinski (senior, Farmington).

The All-Western Division lineup is as follows: Bryan Verdun (senior, Walled Lake Western); Bill Gazsi (senior, Plymouth Canton); Chris Eagle (senior, Walled Lake Western); Matt Elsey (senior, Farmington Hills Harrison); Steven (Joe) McElroy (senior, See **HOSKINS**, page A-12



Belleville's Darryl Hudson (3) is one of five juniors who will be returning to coach Mike Krogel's lineup next year. Krogel, in his first year as head coach at Belleville, guided his ball club to a 23-4 overall record, which included his first appearance in the state quarterfinals and semifinals. Belleville also will return three good-looking sophomores who should help the defending Mega-Red champs to become contenders next season. The Tigers' run for the 2001-2002 state title ended shy by two victories as they lost Friday afternoon in the semifinals to Detroit Redford. Redford fell to Pontiac Northern Saturday in the championship game in the Breslin Arena. Photo by Carl Brown.

Signs of Spring. Local leagues seek golfers

Although you couldn't tell by the weather in these parts, the calendar definitely says it's spring.

And it's also time to get out the old golf clubs and get that body back into shape in order to swing into the season, when and if the weather warms up.

If you're looking for a league to play in this season look no further than the "Michigan Cup," which is looking for men, women, and couples to fill the rosters of adult leagues that will operate at three local courses.

Michigan Cup officials say they will be playing out of Pheasant Run in Canton Township, Fox Hills in Plymouth, and Taylor Meadows in Taylor.

Individuals or two person teams are welcome to participate, notes Jeff Bradley, executive director of Michigan Cup.

Here is the Michigan Cup Adult

Golf League information that you may want to refer to if you're interested in playing in one of the leagues this summer:

* Fox Hills Golf Club (Plymouth) Men's League - Thursday Evening - First Tee Time is 4 p.m.; 20 weeks, beginning April 11. There is a \$425 registration fee, which will include prizes, league administration and league fees;

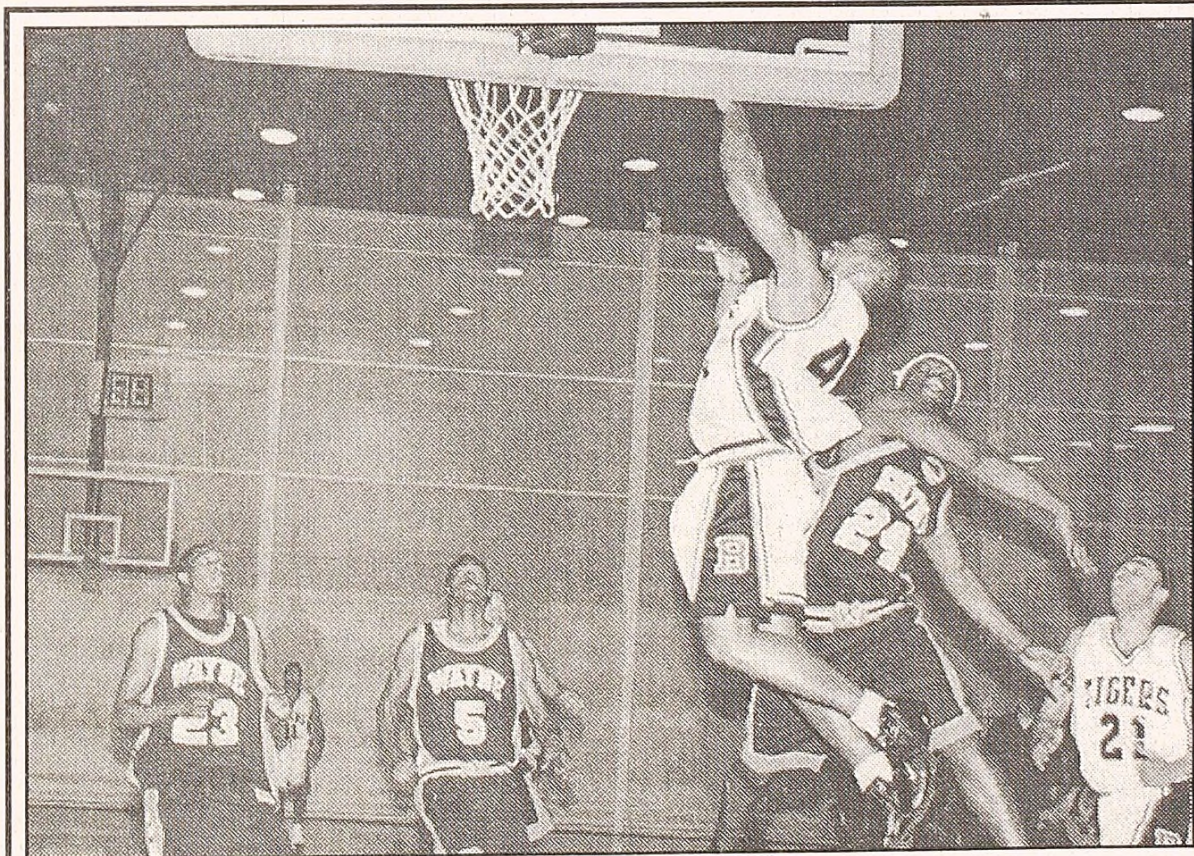
* Taylor Meadows Golf Club (Taylor) Couple's League - Friday Evenings. The first tee time is 5 p.m. and the golfing begins on April 26. The league will be operational for 16 weeks. There is a \$325 registration fee;

* Pheasant Run Golf Club (Canton) Men's League. A Tuesday Evening league with first tee time at 5 p.m. Registration fees are \$695;

* Fox Hills Golf Club (Plymouth) Women's League. This is also a Tues-

day Evening League with the first tee-off time scheduled for 5:30 p.m. There is a \$330 registration fee.

For more information, please contact Jeff Bradley or Abe Vinitski at 734-522-8872.



All-Area coming up next

To reach the state quarterfinals, Belleville had to get by one of its traditional Mega-Red opponents, Wayne Memorial. Here, Belleville's Alex Davenport breaks away and drives to the rim for this left-handed lay-up. Davenport's basket helped the Tigers turn back Wayne, 62-52, in a district final. Belleville was not on its game Friday in East Lansing where it clashed with Detroit Redford. First-year Belleville Coach Mike Krogel's ball club ended its odyssey for the state championship in the quarterfinals as Redford won, 58-33. The MCN staff drafted three Belleville players and also selected 15 standouts from the area for the 2001-2002 All-Area High School Basketball Team. The All-Area Roster, plus the Coach of the Year, will be featured in next week's edition. Photo by Carl Brown.

Glenn's Knutson named to All-WYAA volleyball team

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The pride of the Westland John Glenn volleyball team, Kathleen Knutson, was awarded post-season honors.

Knutson joined an elite club of seven volleyball stars who were selected by the Western Lakes Activities Association's coaches to the 2002 All-Conference Volleyball Team. This unique honor was also bestowed upon six others, including two from the ranks of the Plymouth-Salem lineup.

Salem, which captured the

WLAA conference's overall title, is represented by versatile athletes Mary Lou Liebau and Katie Good.

The 2002 All-Conference Team also includes Farmington's Randin Brown, Livonia Churchill's Beth Bushey, and North Farmington's Meghan Callahan. Walled Lake Central is represented on the all-star team by Katie Rademacher.

Although Plymouth-Canton failed to place one of its players on the conference team, the Chiefs managed to break into the All-Western Division with two players: Cindy Rotramel and teammate Kristen Lake. The line-up also in-

cludes Lauren Temple (Northville), Maggie Condeni (Harrison), Susan Ducas (Churchill), Heather Munn (Churchill), and Walled Lake Western's Daniell Bongpro.

Lakes Division coaches also honored seven players who made up the All-Lakes Division Team. The All-Division line-up includes Kelly Gasket and Jordan Dalcusan of Plymouth-Salem; Walled Lake Central's Kelsey Cross and Amy Rathsburg; Farmington Meghan Young and Deanna Gauer and Livonia Stevenson's Ashley Detore.



Popular coach

Take a good look at the photo above. You may see some future NBA stars. You also will see one very popular basketball coach, Ricky Porter. The future NBA stars are students at Baylor-Woodson School in the Inkster School District. And working to assure that the children learn the fundamentals of the game is veteran coach Porter. The children are only a small number of the kids who show up each week to train and play at the Booker T. Dozier Parks and Recreation Complex on Middlebelt Road. Ruth E. Williams, an athletic director with the Parks and Recreation Department, says if you love to play basketball or any other sport, give her a call at 734-728-7530 to sign up or get a schedule of events. Meanwhile, hang on to this photo, it may become valuable because one day these kids may just be playing pro ball. Photo by Theola Jones.

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Farmington Hills Harrison); Shaun Foster (senior, Livonia Churchill); and Thomas Knapp, (senior, Northville).

The Western Lakes Conference coaches awarded Honorable Mention recognition to the following players: Westland John Glenn - Jerrett Smith, DeAnthony Granberry; Jeff Brantley, and Dwight Bankhead; Plymouth-Canton: Jason Priebe, Kyle Lasko, and Brendan Murphy; and Plymouth-Salem: Stevland Davis, Brady

Pastalaniec, and Kevin Savitskie.

The final standings for teams in the Western Lakes Conference are as follows: 1. Plymouth-Salem: 9-2 (13-6 overall); 2. Walled Lake Western 8-3 (11-8); 3. Westland John Glenn 8-3 (13-6); 4. Livonia Stevenson - 7-4 (12-7); 5. Plymouth-Canton 7-4 (10-9); 6. Northville-7-4 (12-7); 7. Farmington Hills Harrison-6-5 (10-9); 8. North Farmington-6-5 (10-9); 9. Walled Lake Central 4-7 (6-13); 10. Livonia Churchill - 2-9 (5-14); 11. Livonia Franklin 2-9 (4-15) and 12. Farmington 0-11 (2-17).

For the first time in the conference's history, there was a five-way

tie for a divisional title, and it occurred in the Lakes Division as Livonia Stevenson, North Farmington, Plymouth Salem, Westland John Glenn and Walled Lake Central all surfaced with 3-2 records. The sixth team in the division, Farmington, finished 0-5.

In the Western Division, there also was no clear-cut champ as Walled Lake Western, Northville and Plymouth-Canton all finished with 4-1 records. The trio split the championship three ways. Following the divisional champs in the standings were Harrison (2-3), Churchill (1-4) and Franklin (0-5).

Holmes

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most of the first three quarters, which unfortunately carried over to their game against Detroit Redford in the semis.

Everett had the Tigers on the ropes for most of 3 1/2 periods as Holmes found himself mired in foul trouble that translated into chaos for the team on the floor. He survived the quarterfinals with four personals. While Vikings' senior sharpshooter Greg Truvillion (he finished with 17 points) led the charge, Everett could not finish off the Tigers.

The game was tied at the end of the first two quarters at 10 apiece and 18-all at half-time.

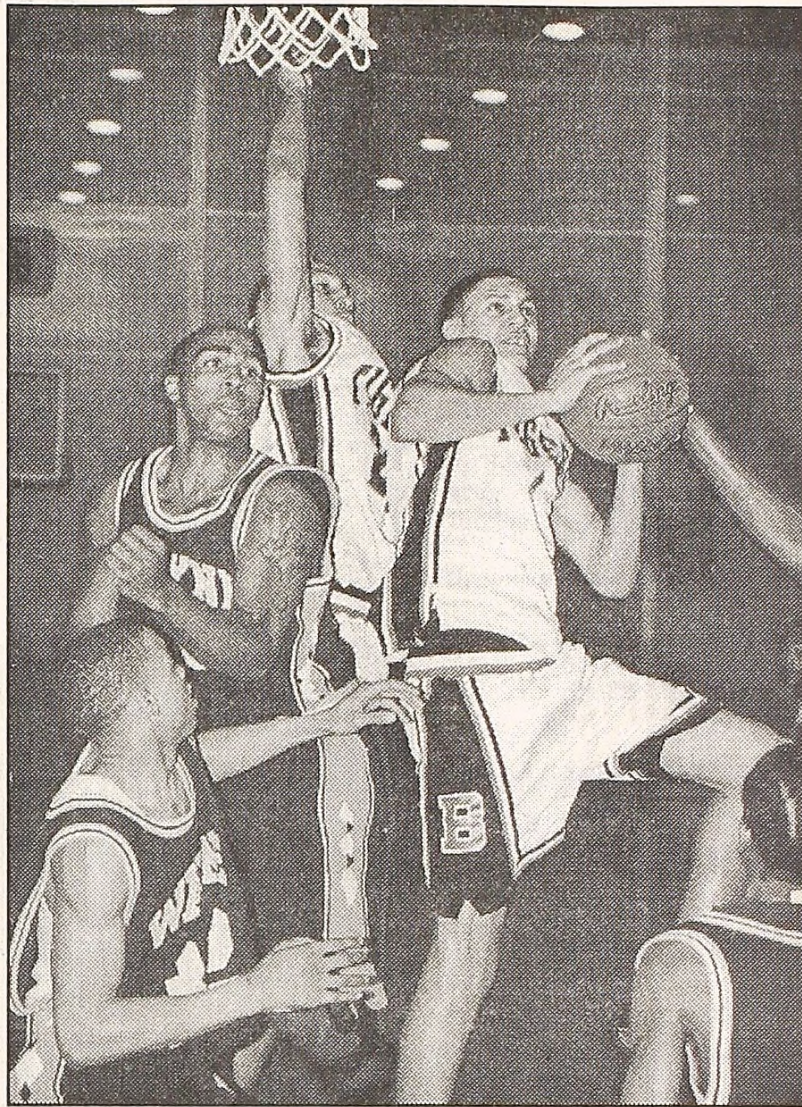
"We were not in sync on offense that entire first half," said Krogel. "I knew we were in trouble when shots that usually fell didn't.

Everett remained the aggressor in the third quarter. The Vikings appeared to be well on their way to victory when they pulled away from a 36-34 lead to go up by eight.

Holmes came back with the cure for the Tigers' insomnia. Sandwiched between Holmes' brilliant individual performance was a steal by Matt Miller which jolted Everett's momentum.

Of the 11 points he scored down the stretch, Holmes' basket tied the game at 49. Then came Holmes' game-winning basket. Holmes' 20 was high for the game. Jordan added nine points, while Charles Woodford chipped in with eight points and Alex Davenport finished with six points. Woodford also played an outstanding game on defense.

Belleville returned to Lansing on Friday to square off with Detroit Redford in the state semifinals. (Read related story). The Tigers took with them an impressive 23-3 record. The 24th win would not be in the books for the Tigers.



Belleville's dream of a Class A state basketball championship was shattered Friday afternoon by Detroit Redford 58 - 33. However, the Tiger had a phenomenal season under first year coach Mike Krogel, who guided the ball club to a 23 - 4 season which included conference, district, and regional championships. Krogel will have 8 of his 12 players, including junior Alex Davenport at right. Davenport led the team in the stretch coming up with key baskets that preserved at least 2 crucial games. From Belleville outstanding team the Michigan Community Newspapers sport staff has drafted 3 of them for the all area team that will appear next week. Don't miss next weeks edition when the All Area and the coach of the year will be presented to our readers.

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pointer to give Redford a 30-20 lead at half-time.

Belleville noted for its third-peri-

od heroics didn't see any against a staunch Redford team that used its muscle to control the boards. The Huskies cashed in on the Tigers' mistakes and held them to 13 points the rest of the game.

Harris, unstoppable under the

boards, finished the game with individual scoring honors. The 6-4 senior tallied 21 points, while Moten chipped in with 13.

Holmes brought down the curtains to his outstanding prep basketball career with 12 points.

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Inkster library to host book sales

More than 20,000 books and videos, including current popular children books, will go on sale next month during the annual Friends of the Inkster Public Library Book Sale.

The book sales will begin on April 15 and continue through April 18 at the library, located at 2005 Inkster Road.

"Beside the over 20,000 titles we have this year there is just an enormous amount of educational aids, and children's, parenting and cook books," said Sandy Markwart, who serves as chairperson for the book sale project. "We also are going to

make available for sale, newer releases and hard-to-find treasures that have been donated to us by local and area bookstores."

Most items will cost buyers 50-cents, up to \$1.

The sale will be conducted from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. on April 15, 16, 17, and 18, and will be staged from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 20.

The Leanna Hicks Public Library, formerly the Inkster Public Library, is one block north of Michigan Avenue. Those who need further information may contact the library at 313-563-2822.

Benefit to help raise funds for Easter baskets

A child without an Easter Basket? No way, you say.

It could happen, but to ensure that each Inkster child receives a basket on that special day, an Inkster group is sponsoring a fund-raiser to purchase the baskets. Last year, the popular group, Dog Pound, Inc., raised funds to distribute 150 baskets. Their goal is to top that figure this year.

So, on Friday, March 29, from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m., the Dog Pound, Inc., will host a pre-Easter Dance at the popular Inkster night spot, the Stardust Lounge, to raise funds for the

project. Donations are \$10 and tickets may be purchased at the door of the lounge. Stardust is located at 3736 Inkster Road.

And, on Saturday, March 30, from 3 to 6 p.m., parents who want to get their children's pictures taken with the Easter Bunny may also "bring them to Stardust." On Saturday, the Dog Pound will stage its second annual Pre-Easter Kiddie Disco which will feature the Dog Pound and the Distinguished Organized Gentlemen.

For further information, please call 313-277-3810 or 734-326-3395.

Kenny's Angels set date for benefit

Friends and loved ones of former Wayne Memorial High football star Kenny Ditmore, who died in a tragic motorcycle-car accident last year, are holding a benefit in Ditmore's honor.

The group, known as "Kenny's Angels", will hold the Memorial Benefit at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, at the X/S Detroit, located at 1500 Woodward Avenue, in Detroit.

"The mission of 'Kenny's Angels'," notes Keith Ditmore, Kenny's father, "is to provide financial support to the surviving family members of the Police Officers and Firefighters who have lost their lives while serving their community. Our goal is to raise funds that will be given to Kenny's favorite charities, MICOPS, as well as other charities and less fortunate people who Kenny supported."

A minimum \$75 donation is suggested.

The ticket price will also



Kenny Ditmore

include a premium open bar, hors d'oeuvres, DJ and dancing. Also raffle tickets will be sold separately.

Kenny Ditmore died on Aug. 17, 2001, when his motorcycle and a vehicle collided.

Members of the 'Kenny's Angels' Board of Directors include: Keith Ditmore, Ann Ditmore, Dante DeMiro, Mickey George, LaDawn Bingamen, Carolyn Simancik, and Donna Smith.

William J. Sheeny serves as corporate lawyer and the corporate accountant is Putney & Associates.

Noted authors to speak at library

Four noted authors will present their literary works during a seminar hosted by the Wayne Public Library next month.

The authors - Virginia Law Burns, Virginia Bailey Parker, Aline Soules, and Carolyn Walker will appear from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on April 17 at the Wayne Public Library.

Each of the Michigan authors will present a portion of her works and discuss her writing experiences.

As members of the Detroit Women's Writers their writing in-

cludes: Virginia Law Burns "Tall Annie: A Biography" (historical non-fiction); Virginia Bailey Parker: "The Water's Edge" (historical novel); Aline Soules "Variations on the Ordinary: A Women's Reader (poetry); and Carolyn Walker "A Mother Run Through It (Non-fiction).

Residents are invited to listen and meet these fascinating Detroit Women Writers at the Wayne Library.

Please contact the library at 734-721-7832 to register for this event.

Veterans seeking local volunteers

Veteran's Haven, a Wayne-based veteran's group, is seeking volunteering to help pack items and load them on trucks that are servicing troops in Afghanistan.

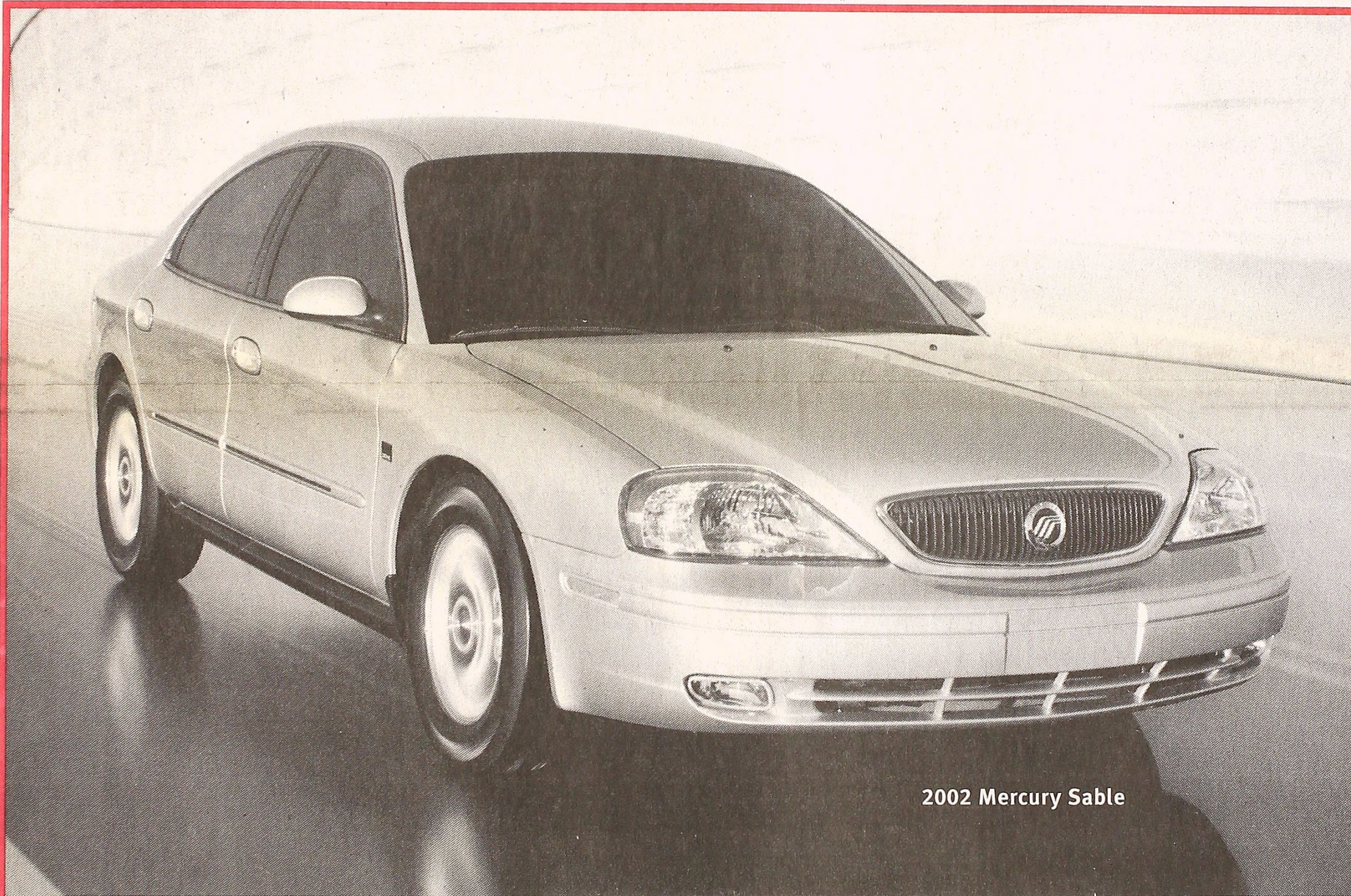
The Veteran's Haven, located at 4924 S. Wayne Road, is putting together care packages for the American troops who are weeding out terrorists in Afghanistan.

According to the local vets, they also need sponsors to help absorb shipping and transportation costs and transportation to New York, California or Kentucky to disembarkment and shipping locations.

"As veterans who have served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm, we understand how much one can miss home and the things we take for granted when you don't have them anymore," the group's press release states.

The local vets have adopted the B Company, 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry regiment (101st Airborne Assault); B Company, 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment (10th Mountain Division).

To offer assistance, please contact the Veteran's Haven, Veterans Outreach Center, in Wayne by dialing 734-728-0527.



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